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CNMI'S FIRST DAY

## 'Absentee ballots at mercy of USPS'

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Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero said that absentee ballots for the Nov. 21 runoff election reaching their final destination depends entirely now on the U.S. Postal Service.

"Absentee ballots were sent out in the 10th of November, which was exact-

ly a week ago today. I just verified from the U.S. Post Office that the absentee ballots flew out on the 11th of November. Not much we can do to it. It's now at the mercy of the U.S. Postal Service," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Guerrero said he's baffled that even local absentee voters experienced a delay in receiving their absentee ballots.

"It's kind of weird because even some people on Saipan got their ballots later

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Commonwealth Election Commission staff Jordan Mesa assists a voter during yesterday's early voting for the 2014 gubernatorial election runoff at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

MARK RABAGO

## DPW eyes funding to fix Shell Dandan intersection

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Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan acknowledges the flooding problem at the Shell Dandan gas station intersection, which during heavy rain makes the road seem more like a river than part of a highway.

"Let's put it this way. Back in the past when they improved that As Ter-

laje Hill that goes up to San Vicente, at that time the population in that area was very small and that was in the mid-1990s. But now the flooding there is getting worse. I see it and actually even on weekends I have my staff go out there and remove the debris."

Sablan said DPW is working on a solution to lessen the flooding in the intersection that is made worse by the

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## College made more affordable for veterans, their family

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Veterans in the Northern Mariana Islands and their families could now benefit from two provisions of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability

Act that will make college more accessible and affordable.

In an email from the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), it said that changes have been made to the veteran educational benefits that are coming into effect and will

affect the CNMI.

President Obama signed the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act into Public Law 113-146 on Aug. 7, 2014, and technical revisions were made on Sept. 26, 2014, when Obama signed into law the Department of Vet-

erans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014.

Two provisions of the new law could benefit veterans and their family members here in the NMI.

One provision—Section 701—expands the reach of GI Bill education

benefits to the surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty.

This extends the Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry Scholarship to surviving spouses of military personnel who died in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001.

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## Local

## Pai described as a 'man of integrity' in public hearing

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Acting public auditor Michael Pai was described as a man of high integrity and more than qualified to merit a second term at the helm of the Office of the Public Auditor during Friday's Senate Committee on Executive Appointment and Governmental Investigation public hearing.

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio, who represented Gov. Eloy S. Inos at the proceedings, said the Commonwealth is better served having Pai remain as public auditor because he al-

ready has immeasurable experience in the job.

"The most important asset of Mr. Pai...is the fact that he's occupied that position for six years, having been nominated and confirmed in 2008. Mr. Pai is not new to the position. Over the last six years he has performed his responsibilities with commitment, honor, and transparency. Gov. Inos is totally confident that Mr. Pai will continue his excellent record of managing the Office of the Public Auditor if again confirmed by the Senate."

Tenorio said he's personally known Pai for a very long time. He said Pai migrated to Saipan

from Hawaii in 1983 and met his wife and raised his family here.

"I find him as a genuine and humble person. He has a very calm personality, easy to talk to, an excellent listener, and respectful to all. I've never heard of anyone say anything negative about him," Tenorio said.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. DeLeon Guerrero said Pai is a person of great integrity and urged the Senate to reconfirm him.

"He is a person that currently enjoys significant amount of community support and is a person who was one of the very first agency heads who I

had the opportunity to work with during my early term as police commissioner. There are a lot of things currently going on and I believe that going forward—just like any other project that the government is embarking—it is important that there's continuity. We need people with integrity in certain posts and Mr. Pai is a person with great integrity and surely deserves another term as public auditor."

Northern Marianas Technical Institute CEO Agnes McPhetres also vouched for Pai's integrity at the hearing.

"You cannot be a Rotarian without high integrity... Mr. Pai

has the highest virtue of integrity and that's what you need in this type of position. He is also an individual that can communicate with people. I hope this committee will not take a long time to reconfirm him," said McPhetres, who said she got to know Pai very well when the two were with the Rotary Club of Saipan.

OPA legal counsel and director of investigations George Hasselback, who spoke as a community member, said he has a unique insight into how Pai conducts himself as public auditor.

"I've had a great deal of experience in the CNMI government who interact with attorneys and interact with lawyers in their day-to-day lives. Unfortunately, sometimes people are tempted to ask lawyers not what their opinions are but they're tempted to look at that attorney and tell that attorney 'I wish to do something. Justify it for me.' That's the wrong way to approach attorneys in a lot of circumstances."

Hasselback said he and Pai interact a lot on a daily basis where Pai asks him and people who work for him to make very difficult decisions on his behalf.

"He has never come to me

and said, 'I wish to do something. Justify it.' He has come to me and asked me, 'What is in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth? What does the law require? Is it the right thing to do?' And regardless of my answer, he has respected the opinions that are being given as long as they're for the best interest of the community, what the law requires, and what's the right thing to do. That in itself speaks volumes of Mr. Pai's strength of character and commitment to the people."

For his part, Pai is just relieved that the Senate EAGI committee has wrapped up its public hearing on his reappointment as public auditor.

"I've always considered, even during my first term, that the appointment to serve as the CNMI's public auditor is really an honor and to have people hold you in that regard where they think you're the person to be the public auditor, I'm very grateful for that. Now that this hearing is over I feel a sense of relief that another step toward the reconfirmation process is completed. We'll just have to stay the course, finish the process, and hopefully I'll be confirmed for a second term."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Soroptimist sets Thursday luncheon meeting

Soroptimist International of Northern Mariana Islands is holding its first program luncheon where it highlights another local non-profit organization. On Thursday, Nov. 20, at 11:30am SI-NMI will have a luncheon at the Pacific Islands Club annex to hear Jill Derickson from The Compassionate Friends of Saipan. Reservations are available by advance ticket only; contact any SI-NMI member to obtain yours. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and the company of good friends. (PR)

### Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 18 and 20, from 10am to 4pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

### Workshop on Form W-2CM

This is to advise all employers that the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2014

and other 2014 yearend filing requirements. The workshop will be on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Multi-Purpose Center. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. (DOF)

### Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Nov. 20

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

### CCA board meeting on Nov. 25

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014, at 3:00pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

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# No takers for NMC's student center, dorm partnership

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There appears to be no-takers for the Northern Marianas College's wish for a public-private partnership to build a new student center and student residence hall. With these partnerships, private companies would build on NMC land without charge or rent; in return they would finance, construct, and maintain these buildings.

The request-for-interest for these partnerships were issued in September. While some companies have picked up a pack-

age, "no one submitted anything," according to NMC chief financial officer Tracy Guerrero.

She said costs for advertising in the newspapers would have to be factored in a re-announcement. NMC's procurement office would not comment and college president Dr. Sharon Hart could not be reached as of press time.

In an interview, Board of Regents member William Torres, who chairs the fiscal committee on facilities, said the lack of takers was "expected."

"We created our own problem

when we did not invite private businesses, vendors, or developers to ask questions," he said.

He believes there is interest on island but that companies may have been left "uncertain" with submitting packages.

He believes companies should have been briefed. He said the requests would be re-issued but this time with one addition—making sure the process is explained to developers, investors, and businesses.

He said this kind of partnership is "nothing new." He pointed to hotels on island and

their relationship with the Department of Public Lands as successful models for private-public partnerships.

These private developers would be asked to invest long-term in NMC for about 25 to 30 years, he said, essentially "rent-free."

NMC right now has over 20 hectares of land, he said. NMC could also acquire surrounding properties if it deems it proper.

He said Plumeria Hotel had been considered in the past but struck down due to a "multiple-ownership" issue. He said there are other local providers inter-

ested in building off campus.

In the next facility committee meeting, he said they would be discussing the RFI. He said the subcommittee would recommend to the board to re-issue the RFI.

This time, Torres aims to have a further reach. He said they might publish the RFI this time not just locally but regionally and nationally. He said it is

important to "go beyond the local market."

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# Inos renews emergency declaration for CUC

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos extended anew on Friday the declaration of a state of significant emergency at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Like previous declarations, the governor cited the agency's financial crisis and dearth of technical workers as the main reasons for continuing the emergency status for CUC.

"CUC is owed over \$20 million by the Public School Sys-

tem and the Commonwealth Health Center and is owed millions more by others users," said Inos in his declaration.

The governor added that although the CNMI economy has recently improved, the improvement is only marginal and the economy and the government's finances are still fragile.

"The government strains to meet its obligations," Inos said.

The declaration also noted that CUC often only has days' worth of purchased fuel to power its generators because it lacks

the money to buy oil from its sole, cash-only supplier.

"CUC has no credit or other means to buy fuel other than the revenue it collects from its customers."

On the lack of technical workers, Inos said the CNMI doesn't have enough U.S. citizens or U.S. resident technical specialists at CUC to perform the power generation work, particularly specialists with experience in the type of engines that CUC uses.

"U.S. citizens with the necessary skills are not readily avail-

able in the CNMI and it is costly to recruit from the United States. CUC believes that the vast majority of skills sets, considering its cash restrictions, must come from non-U.S. personnel."

Inos added that CUC has tried to hire diesel mechanics in the CNMI in the past, but hasn't been successful in finding enough candidates.

He said CUC's renewal of contracts and hiring of foreign expert workers is necessary to sustain the integrity of CUC's systems.

He urged the Legislature to amend "local law to allow CUC to continue employing the services of foreign workers for such technical positions difficult to fill and provide for a reasonable transition period."

CUC has been under a state of emergency for about the nine

years now.

That allows the government to "suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions as required; and utilize all available resources of the Commonwealth government and its political subdivisions as reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency."

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vice members—children and spouses—to obtain up to 36 months of tuition and fee payment, a monthly housing allowance, and books and supplies stipend for their education.

"Spouses and children of fallen service members can use this benefit to cover higher education costs at Northern Marianas College or the University of Guam, for instance," said Sablan's legislative assistant, Matthew Deleon Guerrero.

The Fry Scholarship will allow CNMI veterans' surviving spouses and their families a tuition and fee benefit paid to the school of up to \$20,235.02 per year, books and supplies stipend paid to student of up to \$1,000 a year and monthly housing allowance.

The duration of this benefit is 15 years from the date of death of the service member. This covers college, business techni-

cal, or vocational programs, certification tests, apprenticeship, on-the-job training, vocational flight training, tutorial assistance, and work-study.

The second provision—Section 702—requires colleges and universities to offer resident tuition for recipients of the GI Bills' benefits.

"[This reduces] the cost of attendance for veterans from the CNMI if they choose to attend a college or university in the U.S.," Deleon Guerrero said.

Those recently discharged veterans, and their eligible family members, will not have to bear the cost of out-of-state charges while using their well-deserved education benefits.

These are only for covered individuals: An NMI veteran living in the U.S. can avail and enroll within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

An NMI veteran with a spouse or child [both] who lives in the United States but is not a resident of the U.S. can also enroll.

## DPW

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large amount of runoff and debris coming from the quarry in Kannat Tabla.

"We are putting our heads together and looking first at funding so we can come up with a better plan on how to improve that particular intersection. The problem is all coming from Kannat Tabla and I don't know if they took that in consideration when they worked on that particular intersection because the drainage system is very small. The volume of water there is like a river. We could have in 5 to 10 minutes maybe 3 inches of rainfall. Those are the things that we need to put our heads together."

And like all the maladies in the CNMI, the flooding problem at that intersection can only be mitigated with funds.

"Funding... is the biggest key. It's not that we can't fix it. It's the amount of money that we need to put back or place to the side so we can improve it. The plan calls for looking at what we can do to improve the intersection, second is I need to go to the Legislature and talk about that particular road that goes up to Kannat Tabla and see if we can come up with some funding. There's already funding for that area to improve the road, but when we improve the road, part of it is we need to fix the drainage system."

Sablan said he also wants the Legislature to set aside money for land compensation.

"I need to work very hard for that particular precinct, which is Precinct 5, and that's a big precinct. They need to put their minds together and get some more funding from other precincts so we can clear the right of way and we can finally pay those people who we took their property for road improvement. Once we can clear that, we can work to put money on the side and come up with a better plan to improve the drainage."

Sadly, Sablan said, that portion of the highway cannot be funded by federal agencies so it's up to the government to set aside local funds to arrest the flooding problem at the intersection.

The good news, though, is that flooding problems along Bead Road, particularly in front of Cabrera Center in Garapan and in front of Ador's Restaurant in San Antonio will soon be a thing of the past, according to the DPW secretary.

"We have a design to improve the Beach Road area from American Memorial Park to Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio. It entails drainage improvement, sidewalks, and upgrading our roads. We have four phases and about every phase costs between \$5 million and \$7 million."

Sablan also has a short message to commuters and the general public: "I just want to inform the public that they should give way to the contractors so they can be safe and be patient because eventually we would be able to improve all our highways."



Staff of Kinpachi Restaurant and the Saipan Awaodori Team members were at it again, cleaning the Paseo de Marianas and collecting about 820 lbs of trash last Saturday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## PDM Promoters' cleanup nets 820 lbs of trash

The Saipan Awaodori Team and PDM Promoters were at it once again, cleaning up the Garapan tourist district last Saturday.

Saturday's cleanup was spearheaded by 12 volunteers

from the Kinpachi Restaurant, 32 Saipan Awaodori Team members, and Joe Kaipat of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

The non-profit group's coor-

dinator, Sonia Siwa, said they did their cleanup from 9am to 11:30am and collected about 820 lbs of trash. Garbage that were collected included plastic bottles, empty beer bottles, cigarette butts, and empty canned drinks.

Others did bush cutting at the Paseo de Marianas environs, Coral Tree Ave., and Winchell's Road.

The group's monthly cleanup collects close to or more than 1,000 lbs of trash. (Jayson Camacho)

## BALLOTS

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than usual. Local absentee voters only got their ballots five days later. I'm sure there's a logical explanation for this and I'm not blaming the U.S. Postal Service. They're probably overwhelmed or there are some issues on the flights or something. Some flights are cancelled so that might've something to do with it," he said at the close of early voting yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

For now, Guerrero said, absentee voters would just have to wait until their absentee ballots arrive in the mail.

"People just have to be patient and their ballots should be postmarked no later than the runoff election on Nov. 21 and we will receive it 14 days later on Dec. 5. So as long as you mail it out on the 21st of November, it should get here no later than the 5th of December."

**Early voting total nears 3K**  
Meanwhile, Guerrero said that

after a torrid start in the first two days, early voting has slowed down a bit on Sunday and yesterday, Monday.

"Friday and Saturday were actually bigger as we were up in the 700 to 800 mark. Yesterday and today we're down to the 500 mark. Voters are continually flowing in but not to the extent where people wait for a long time. We've opened up more booths and I think that helped reduce the people standing in line."

CEC numbers show that a total of 2,900 have so far voted in the early voting throughout the CNMI. Of the figure, 2,661 are from Saipan, 84 are from Tinian, and 155 from Rota.

On Saipan, 814 voted on Friday, 751 on Saturday, and 526 and 570 on Sunday and Monday, respectively.

For Tinian, 29 voted on Monday, 13 on Saturday, 15 on Sunday, and 29 yesterday. On Rota, 64 cast their vote on Friday, 29 on Saturday, 25 on Sunday, and 37 yesterday.

Guerrero said CEC didn't encounter any problem in the first four days of early voting.

"We don't have any issues so far beyond the normal, like people who weren't registered to vote. But we resolved it quickly here."

As to when CEC can make the results of the 2014 gubernatorial runoff official, Guerrero said that because of the absentee ballots he's looking at Dec. 5 as the earliest they can make the numbers official.

"We'll be tabulating the absentee ballots on Dec. 5. The law requires us to pick up the ballots before the post office closes and tabulate it then, and barring any problems that may come up, we should certify all the ballots for the runoff that night or the following day. We won't get official results until Dec. 5 because during the runoff the 14-day provision applies, unlike the general elections where there's no provision on the 14-day delay in receiving absentee ballots."

Guerrero said that CEC issued around 2,300 absentee ballots.

He reminded voters who want to vote ahead of the Nov. 21 runoff election about the

schedule of early voting. "Early voting starts 8:30am until 4pm everyday since Friday all the way to Thursday, the day before the runoff elections."

A couple of voters were seen knocking at the Multi-Purpose Center following the 4pm deadline.

During the Nov. 21 runoff, Guerrero said, polling places will open at 7am and close at 7pm. All polling places are the same for the general election and the runoff election.

"Make sure to bring an ID with you but if you don't have your ID it doesn't mean you won't be able to vote. You can vote. You and just have to fill an affidavit of no ID and that's a requirement by law and not something the election commission is just implementing."

The Nov. 21 gubernatorial runoff election is between NMI Republican Party bet Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres, and independent Heinz S. Hofschneider and his running mate, former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul.



# Farmer co-op president hints at stepping down

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The CNMI Farmer's Coopera-

tive Association, which operates the Garapan Public Market, is looking at holding their first general membership meeting

## Dolphins fail to repeat as RWDC champion

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The Marianas High School's Aeronautical Dolphins failed to repeat as national champions in the Real World Design Challenge on Nov. 16 in Washington, D.C.

According to Jeaniffer Cubangbang, instructional technology coordinator for the district who joined the CNMI group on the trip, the top three competitors this year were from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Washington.

"The CNMI did a phenomenal performance in a highly competitive event," she said.

Team members this year were Jill Ann Arada, Jessica Bigueras, Mobtasim Alam, Jun Young Kim, Regina Go, Rose-lie Agulto, and Esther Choi. Their coach was MHS teacher John Raulerson.

This year's challenge focused on the design and implementation of an unmanned aircraft system to support precision agriculture to monitor and assess crop conditions to achieve increased yield.

For the national competition, the Dolphins brought their "HawkEye 670." MHS won the RWDC Pacific Region title in the last three years. Last year, they were the national champions.

In April, the Dolphins won over other teams from the CNMI and Guam. America Samoa did not compete this year.

For the competition, teams use systems engineering design to defend the most appropriate component combinations, subsystem designs, operational methods, and business case to support the year's challenge scenario.

before the end of the year, according to co-op president Maria "Frica" Pangelinan.

"It is about time that we get the membership involved and elect new officers. We are targeting before the end of the year," she said.

Is she looking to step down? While her services are always available if needed, Pangelinan said "it's about time" for others to take over take the helm.

"I can still help and advise," she said. "My heart is in this. We just need cooperation."

The Garapan Public Market has been beset by woes since it opened in August this year. According to some co-op officials, poor timing might be responsible for these. The market began during a wet season that was

tough on crops, they claimed. Secondly, they are still waiting for the promised \$57,000 from the Legislature.

"We are hoping to survive until January or February," said Pangelinan. "We just need capital from the Legislature."

The cooperative had asked the Saipan and Northern Islands delegation for \$57,000 in September to address operational costs and to help purchase a much-needed chiller for their produce.

Ike Concepcion, the co-op's treasurer, said they have received "no word" from lawmakers since then.

A price quotation provided by a local supplier lists a "Laselle" brand four-door stainless reach-in chiller at \$2,745, and a six-

door one at \$3,745.

"If we have the chiller for now, I think we can survive," Pangelinan said. It doesn't matter, she said, if she rallies all the Chinese farmers on island for bananas if half of the produce were to rot.

On profit, she said, "Sales pay for itself." But added they have paid all the farmers who've supplied inventory on time.

Pangelinan said she is hesitant to promote the market aggressively because of their nearly empty produce shelves.

As for the Sabalu Market, Pangelinan labels it as "competitors."

"That's the decision the government will have to make. We don't have to be here if they want the Sabalu Market. It's

20 people benefiting on their own personal interest versus a community-benefiting, centralized operation that will be a lot of help to government with data and production," she said.

Concepcion stepped down as treasurer of the Sabalu Market board on Nov. 1, he said, to focus on the Garapan Public Market. He said he "could not take both sides."

Isidoro Cabrera, the co-op's secretary, affirmed that he is also no longer affiliated with Sabalu Market.

The main reason the Sabalu Market will not move to the Garapan Public Market is because the food vendors prefer the current location, Concepcion said.

"They don't want to come here," he added.

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# CUC seeking proposals for power supply resources

As is the case with many utilities, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. shares the sense of responsibility to use environmentally responsible and cost-effective power supply resources to meet the energy needs of its community, now and into the future. As provider of utility services for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, CUC is faced with unique challenges when planning for its future energy needs. Current generation resources on CNMI's

three populated islands—Saipan, Rota, and Tinian—are aging and have limited useful service lives remaining. These power resources rely heavily on imported oil products as a fuel source. CUC intends for the development of new resources to result in environmentally-friendly power, lower fuel and operating costs, and ultimately greater reliability and long-term cost savings for customers.

To reach these goals, CUC is developing a comprehensive In-

tegrated Resource Plan and will be issuing a request for proposals between Nov. 20 and Nov. 30, 2014, for new power supply resources to serve the largest and most populous island of Saipan. The RFP is designed so that CUC can gain a full understanding of feasible options, operating characteristics and system impacts, and costs. CUC will be seeking projects that can be implemented within three to five years of the award of contract and will be considering all

economically and technically feasible power supply options, including traditional fossil-fueled resources as well as renewable energy projects. Proposed resources will be evaluated as part of the IRP study funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the winning proposal(s) decided early next year.

The RFP will be available for download at the CUC website, <http://www.cucgov.org/power-supply-rfp/>. (PR)

## Local music icon 'Candy' Taman endorses HY

Former representative and famed local singer Candido "Candy" Taman is the latest former Babauta-Torres supporter to come out in support of the Hofschneider-Yumul team.

"Though I supported the Babauta-Torres team by helping organize CNMI voters here in Guam where I live now," Taman said, "I still maintain the view and principle my supporters here have held throughout the general election: We need a change in leadership from the current administration that has led much of the government in the wrong direction."

"Our efforts in organizing support for Babauta-Torres here in Guam have led us to a consensus that change needs to happen," Taman said. "We need a change in leadership in the government. That cannot happen with our former team's leaders now endorsing the incumbents. We must now work to make that change."

"The people of the Marianas need to take a step back and really look at our current circumstances," said Taman, who was conferred with an honorary degree in Micronesian Traditional Knowledge by the University of Guam in May. "We need to start navigating

within our hearts and minds to figure out which is the best leadership to fix the problems here at home. A lot of people are trying to fix them, but not everyone has the right ideas."

Taman has been hesitant to endorse a gubernatorial team during the runoff election, saying he feared for some of his friends and relatives who have been targeted for termination in their jobs. Taman posed the question: "Is this the kind of system we want to live in with when our lives and right to exercise our civic responsibilities are always being threatened?"

"I'm a leader in this community," he said, "and I really hate hiding behind the curtain. But time is running out and I felt that the message needed to get out there."

"With all due respect to other political organizations, I will say that the reason I'm following Heinz and Ray is because they have the passion and clear vision to try and navigate our Commonwealth to better opportunities for our people," Taman said. "They heard our people and want to provide them opportunities for them to come back home. That's what people are crying for: to go home, sweet home." (PR)

## SanNicolas thankful for 44 years of pain removed

**AGANA HEIGHTS, Guam—**On Nov. 17, Lt. Andrew McDermott, a family practice physician at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, received an unexpected surprise from one of his patients. Joseph SanNicolas, a local Chamorro and a retired Army veteran, presented McDermott with a handcrafted plaque to thank him for removing a metal fragment from his abdomen that had been there for more than 44 years.

SanNicolas served during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969 where he suffered an injury that caused several pieces of metal to be lodged inside of him. At the time, he was taken to an overseas hospital where the majority of the metal was believed to have been removed. However, over the years SanNicolas often experienced unexplained pain that he said would make things difficult for him, including finishing a meal. He would often take aspirin to help relieve the pain.

He often suspected that the pain may be fragments of metal still lodged inside of him but he never had it checked by a doctor until one day when he had a scare. "I was showering and I noticed blood. I checked myself to see what could have caused it but couldn't find anything so I called to my wife and she couldn't find any reason for me to be bleeding either," explained San Nicolas. "So I decided I better get to the doctor to see what was going on."

According to McDermott, when he received the news, he was concerned there may be a cyst. However, SanNicolas told him he thought it might be retained fragments of metal.



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Joseph SanNicolas, left, an Army veteran native to Guam, presented Lt. Andrew McDermott, a family practice physician at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, with a handcrafted plaque to thank him for removing metallic fragment from his abdomen that had been causing him extensive pain for more than 44 years.

"Sure enough, we got an X-ray that showed a fragment. It was superficial enough for us to remove it in clinic and we took it out the next day," he said. He also explained that anyone with retained fragments can experience a variety of effects, from no complications at all to some pain and injury to surrounding structures.

According to SanNicolas, af-

ter 44 years of suffering, the removal of the fragment brought relief from the pain and has made him a new man. "People say to me, 'You are 68 years old, why are you acting that way?' and I say, 'It is because my pain is gone,'" he said with a smile. He also said for the first time in a long time he is able to eat a full meal and really enjoy the spicy Guam food.

McDermott said he is happy to know that "just another day at the office" could impact someone's life so much. "It's awesome," he exclaimed. "It's another great example of the kindness of our patients and their families here in Guam. The providers at the hospital continue to be amazed by how grateful our patients are for the care we give." (USN)

## SIDE BAR

### Winning independent bet backs HY

Representative-elect Vinson "Vinnie" Flores Sablan, who received more than 700 votes in Precinct 4, is the latest public figure to endorse the Independent Hofschneider-Yumul campaign for the runoff election.

Sablan said he is encouraged by the success of his fellow independent candidates in the House of Representatives, most of whom are supporting the independent ticket of Heinz and Ray.

"The majority of voters chose change in the general election," said Sablan. "I don't expect that trend to change substantially in the runoff election because the core remains intact and more voters are beginning to realize the importance of change."

Sablan said he ran for public office because he was intent on finding ways to help the community and that he is grateful to voters for giving him the opportunity to serve.

"I am supporting Heinz and Ray because they are motivated by the same commitment to community service that prompted me to run for public office," said Sablan.

Sablan said he is invested in public service not only for his family but also for the com-

munities in which we live. "I want to work hard with similarly-minded Heinz and Ray, and the other independent candidates in the House, and the Senate, to ensure that all stakeholders have a part in finding the best solutions to improve our quality of life."

Prior to his election, Sablan served as the Parent Teacher Student Association president for Tanapag Elementary School. Sablan's other community involvements include service in the following capacities: CNMI Head Start Policy Council chair; Talaabwogh StaR Association vice president; Marianas March Against Cancer team captain (Team Talaabwogh StaR); Saipan Little League Baseball Inc., board member and NSA T-Ball team manager; Crime Stoppers Inc. annual softball tournament coordinator; and Adult Basic adjunct instructor.

Sablan is currently the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality laboratory manager and has an associate degree in computer applications and business administration from Northern Marianas College and a bachelor's degree in management from University of Phoenix. (PR)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 2nd birthday to our baby girl, Janez Malayna "Ezzy Girl"! May your day be filled with love and happiness and may you have many, many more birthdays to come. We love you!

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Have a wonderful birthday to Shirley D. Kim! We wish you all the happiness in life. Keep being healthy and more birthdays to come. Greetings come from the staff and management of Hotel Sun Palace, Make-over Beauty Salon, and Northern Marianas Badminton Association.

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Happy birthday to the most wonderful, loving, caring, and strong woman I call mom, Rosalina M. Magofna! May the Lord continue blessing you with good health and strength for many more years. We love you, Ma! Greetings come from MoLeslieAJRJ, siblings, grandkids, great-grandkids and family!

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Belated anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan and Ijulinda Taisacan, who celebrated their anniversary on Nov. 17, 2014. Greetings come from MoLeslieAJRJ and family.

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Since the Administration and IT campaign refuse to provide credible information about the Governor's health the public must resort to speculating about the constitutional ramifications of the Governor's incapacity. The voters have a right to know who will be at the head of this government a few weeks from now, a few months from now, a year or two from now.

We respectfully ask a few relevant questions: Will the Governor resign or will his incapacity simply render him unable to run the government full-time? -as is presently the case. Under those circumstances, will there be a special election or will the constitutional succession provisions kick in and make Ralph DLG. Torres the next governor? Who will be his lt. governor?



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# High court affirms trial court ruling in lease case

The NMI Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's decision granting partial summary judgment declaring that Shinji Fujie and the Toshin Group International (collectively, "Toshin Group") were entitled to possess property they leased from Joaquin Atalig.

On appeal, Atalig and his

business partner, Ramon K. Quichocho, argued that summary judgment was improper because there was a genuine issue of material fact about whether the lease was properly terminated due to the Toshin Group abandoning the property. The high court disagreed.

The high court began with the standard for abandonment, which requires the tenant: (1) vacate the leased property without justification; (2) vacate without intending to return; and (3) fail to pay the rent. This standard foreclosed any abandonment argument because the Toshin

Group could never fail to pay the rent—they had prepaid the entire lease. Accordingly, there was no question about whether the property was abandoned—it was not—so the high court affirmed the trial court's decision.

After concluding the trial court made the correct decision, the

high court expressed concerns with Quichocho's briefing—specifically the failure to present the proper legal standard for abandonment. Because Quichocho had been involved in a similar federal case that set forth the Commonwealth's standard for abandonment and the trial court

in this case also set forth the same standard, the Supreme Court was troubled by Quichocho's failure to provide that standard or argue why it did not apply.

The Supreme Court's full opinion, 2014 MP 14, can be found at <http://www.cnmlaw.org/supreme14.html>. (PR)

## Water outage on Isa Drive this Thursday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the residents of Capital Hill residing along Isa Drive that a nine-hour water outage is scheduled for

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, from 8am to 5pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow the contractor, Hawaiian Rock Products, to

connect a new 8-inch PVC waterline that was newly installed along Isa Drive. The outage will also allow HRP to connect all existing lateral service lines

onto the new PVC waterline.

The water outage on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, will affect the residents living along Isa Drive from Sarah Market to

Kagman Mobil. CUC encourages its customers to call the CUC Call Center at (670) 664-4282 if you have any questions or concerns in regards to no water or low pressure during and after the specified hours of water outage. CUC's

operations team will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible.

Direct inquiries to assistant project engineer James Benavente at (670) 664-4282 Ext. 337. (CUC)

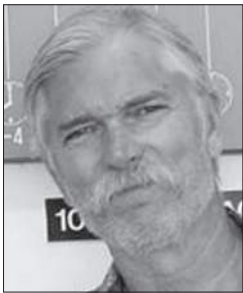
## UOG names winners of 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards

**MANGILAO, Guam**—The University of Guam Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, together with the UOG Alumni Association, are proud to announce the names of the winners of the 2014 UOG Distinguished Alumni Awards!

In September, a call for nominations was made through the media, government agencies and the private sector. Awards were to be given to one person from each of the schools and colleges that make up the university: School of Nursing and Health Sciences, School of Education, School of Business and Public Administration, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the College of Natural and Applied Sciences. This year, an additional category to honor a successful graduate who has served or is currently serving in the military was included. Requirements for nominees included the submission of a CV and letters of support.

Twenty individuals successfully qualified to be considered nominees. Judging criteria for the selection process consisted of the following: 1) Professional accomplishment in their respective field. 2) Does the candidate exhibit a high degree of character and integrity? 3) Do they demonstrate civic and university involvement, awareness and concern? and 4) Do the nominees' achievements have local, national and/or international significance?

Judges included the deans of the schools and colleges, faculty members, representatives of the UOG alumni association, and at-large judges from the island community who are not UOG alumni. President Robert Underwood was forwarded the names of the individuals who were selected by each respective committee, and gave his final approval for the selection of the awardees. The names of the winners were announced on Nov. 15 at the 2014 UOG Alumni Reunion held at the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa.



**Bruce Best**  
MS Biology, 1981  
Energy and Remote Island Communication Consultant

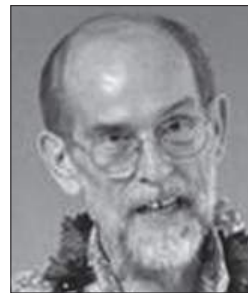
"After completing my graduate degree in Marine Biology at the UOG Marine Lab,

I began working as a research associate with the PEACESAT/Telecommunication and Distance Education Operation (TADEO) at UOG. The grant writing skills I developed at UOG and my work experience in telecommunication and alternate energy created a unique skill set that set the framework for my many remote islands projects over the next 30 years.

My military background as a navy corpsman fueled an interest in tele-health operations for the remote islands of the Western Pacific. Merging the last 35 years of exposure to cultural diversity and work experience allowed me to develop sustainable health and educational solutions for the remote islands in the FSM, RMI and ROP. Many

of the solar-powered radios being used throughout the remote islands were installed under my direction and funded by grants through or supported by the UOG PEACESAT/TADEO office where we tried to maintain a high level of service to the region and make a difference in the lives of thousands of Pacific Islanders.

"Today, I remain actively involved with a variety of tele-health groups to improve health care options in the western Pacific. My UOG education provided me with the credibility and knowledge to continue to service the region through training and implementing sustainable health, energy and remote communication infrastructure throughout Micronesia. I would not have been able to participate in all these projects as a subject matter expert with cultural reference without the education I received at UOG."



**Dr. Thomas J. Bristlin**  
BA English  
Secondary Education, 1968  
Associate Dean, Arts and Humanities, University of Hawaii at Manoa

"The value of my College/University of

Guam education crystallized for me when I was confined to a small room for eight hours in 1972 to write my PhD exams. I found in answering the myriad questions from learned scholars in Communication, Sociology, Film, and Psychology, that I was drawing heavily from the knowledge I gained at COG/UOG. From 1964-68, it offered a true Liberal Arts education. It was smaller, and what divisions there might have been between academic areas was porous. We took courses across the broad spectrum of "ologies." Students—and faculty—mixed their interests freely, whether they looked forward to a career in business, law, nursing, education, fine arts or sciences. We absorbed from each other. We left with a tremendous worldview from such a small Island; with a continuing and consuming intellectual curiosity from such a small school with such large ideas. I aced those exams. COG/UOG taught us we could make a difference. And we did."



**Col. John M. Chiu**  
(retired)  
BBA Accounting, 1983  
University of Guam, Army ROTC

"Unquestionably, my years at the University of Guam were the formative years of my early adulthood. While I originally intended to go to the mainland to study, imperatives of our family business kept me [in] Guam. Little did I know that the decision to attend the University of Guam would eventually take my life in a wholly unantic-

pated direction that would alter the course of the rest of my life.

"Like most college students, I grappled with what I wanted to do in life including career choices and goals. The answer came during one of Dr. Don Soper's evening marketing classes when the officer in charge of UOG's ROTC program spoke to us about a career in the Army. The next day I went to see Lt. Col. David Swanson and the first day of the rest of my life as a soldier and officer was set in motion.

"Listening to LTC Swanson speak about an Army career gave me clarity, focus, and direction that I had lacked until that point. With his guidance and mentorship, I excelled in my military science studies, and graduated as the No. 1 cadet. My time at the University of Guam directly and indirectly gave me three building blocks for my career and my life. My ROTC training provided an unshakable foundation in military leadership, discipline, and values. The School of Business provided me with a Bachelor of Arts degree. From my family business, I was able to gain practical experience in leading people, planning and budgeting, and gain an appreciation for the day to day pressures of running a business. The skills, values, and strengths I acquired during my studies at UOG were the foundation to my successes and achievements in the military and throughout my life."



**Dr. Lourdes Palomo Klitzkie**  
BA Elementary Education, 1970  
Professor Emeritus, Society of Emeritus Professors and Related Scholars

"The University of

Guam has given me the opportunity for a lifelong career in special education. Getting a bachelor's degree in special education in 1970 at the College of Education equipped me with the knowledge, skills and competencies which enabled me to pursue a master's degree in special education at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 1974.

"In 1976, Dr. Michael Caldwell, special education chair, offered me a one-year position at the university to supervise student teachers. In 1977, Dr. Caldwell sent me to Utah State University under special education federal grant money to work on my doctorate degree in special education. I returned to the university in 1979 and began my teaching career in special education as an assistant professor, which led to the rank of full professor until my retirement in 1998. Not long after that I was admitted to the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars. I continue to serve the university in three endeavors: teaching, research, and public service.

"I can safely conclude that as a student at UOG, I was educated to foster the growth and development of young children intellectually, so-

cially, emotionally and physically. As a professor, I encouraged young minds to think. As an emeritus professor, I will continue to serve the University of Guam - the Natural Choice."



**Michael Pexa**  
Master's in Business Administration, 1978  
Founder & CEO, Asia Pacific Financial Management Group

"I came to Guam in the early '70s, eager to start teaching for the Guam Public School System. After several years of teaching, my desire to pursue a career in investments led me back to Seattle, where I worked as a financial advisor for a Seattle based firm. My love for Guam inspired me to convince my branch manager to open a Guam branch. To my surprise and joy, he agreed and 30 years later, I'm still here.

"As a financial advisor and business owner, I believe that I needed to improve my business skills. I decided to go back to school to pursue my master's in Business Administration. The obvious choice was the University of Guam, and I graduated in 1978. My education from UOG pushed my business knowledge to the next level and gave me the opportunity to expand my network with fellow alumni. Today, the Triton tradition continues to flourish at Asia Pacific Financial. Several of our employees are UOG alumni. We also take great pride in our annual internship program where we've partnered with UOG's School of Business to provide students internships. As a final testament to our faith in UOG's talent, we are proud to say that our most recent student intern remained with us after she graduated and has become a full time employee. I've come a long way, and I couldn't have gotten this far without UOG."



**Reina Sanchez**  
BSW Social Work, 1990,  
Social Services Supervisor I, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center

"The University of Guam has always been a part of my life. My father, Vicente Q. Sanchez, worked at UOG in the '80s and naturally I attended and received my bachelor and master degrees there. In between the undergraduate and graduate programs I also participated in many professional development courses. So I can say I am a lifelong student of UOG. It is through UOG that I have met many people—students and professors who have encouraged and supported me. Without them I don't think I would be where I am now. Thank you again for this opportunity." (UOG)



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## A step forward on countering global warming

**G**lobal-warming talks in Paris next year have a better chance of reaching a productive conclusion now that the two biggest economies in the world—which also happen to be the two biggest climate polluters—have promised to curb greenhouse gases dramatically by 2030. But the questions other nations will be asking as they analyze the forward-looking agreement reached by President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping are exactly how they intend to achieve these ambitious goals and, indeed, whether they will be able to carry out their promises.

The latter question applies especially to Obama, who already faces opposition to the deal from Republican lawmakers, who will soon control both houses of Congress. Though the president has been accelerating the nation's battle against climate change, particularly targeting emissions from coal plants, there are limits to what he can achieve through executive action without cooperation from Congress. What's more, there are no guarantees that future presidents will adhere to his nonbinding commitments.

It is in ways easier for China, which is now by far the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, to meet its goals. The country is already under pressure from its own citizens to clean up its terrible air pollution problems. And it has been building solar energy capacity at a fast pace, so meeting its goal of 20 percent renewable power by 2030 should be achievable. It would also have to cap greenhouse gas emissions by that year.

Xi also has more flexibility than Obama; China is not a democratic power, which means that Xi doesn't contend with term limits or open elections. That may not make for good government, but it does make his job easier.

On this side of the Pacific Ocean, incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell—who represents the coal-producing state of Kentucky—already is complaining that China doesn't have to do anything for 16 years under the deal, while the U.S. is making more immediate commitments. That's neither fair nor accurate. It will take tremendous planning for China, which has been increasing its reliance on coal along with its commitment to solar, to start applying the brakes to that momentum.

Conservative Republicans seem to see the battle against climate change as a costly and unnecessary war on cheap and plentiful energy. (Then, of course, there's Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, who has called the very idea of man-made climate change a hoax, and who is about to take the chairmanship of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.) In truth, there is a dollar cost either way, and studies estimate that the price of ignoring climate change—in the form of flood, drought, crop loss and so forth—is far higher than that of doing something about it.

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## Book review: 'Without a Penny in My Pocket'

**M**arie Castro's fascinating book, *Without a Penny in my Pocket*, takes the reader back to a period on Saipan long ago swept away on the waves of time. Recalling the days of her youth she provides vivid and rare insight of bygone days of a peaceful Saipan before the ravages of war destroyed much but not the memories of what used to be.

The author's vivid description of island life and its cultural traditions takes the reader's heart and mind back to another era as she describes the Spanish influence on the lives of the people, much of which still remains dominant in daily life.

Her early life was one of an idyllic time on a peaceful tropical island until falling under the control of Japan's military and civil influence, including the educational system of which the author received her early schooling. She provides a lasting benchmark as a measure of change in a life both sweet and tragic that once was—never again to be experienced.

She gives the reader a glimpse of daily life on Saipan recounted before, during, and after the war of an island that years later freely chose to become a member of America's political family.

When attending elementary school before the war, she recalls the stern discipline and occasional cruelty meted out to some young students by several of her Japanese teachers for the most innocent infraction of rules.

Her account of life during the Battle of Saipan is vividly recalled, from that of seeking shelter to hide from the bombs and shells to the lifesaving rescue by U.S. Marines. She reminisces of life in Camp Susupe where the local people were interned until the island was fully secured from enemy stragglers.

As a result of the conflict that erupted around her, the proverb—"When two giants fight the grass under their feet is trampled"—has added meaning for the innocent people of the Northern Marianas.

Her book, *Without a Penny in my Pocket*, is an engaging story of carefree days of youth before the terrifying devastation of the island. Following the conclusion of hostilities she describes the unexpected circumstance of her first introduction to Americans and later being befriended by a group of American Seabees who accompanied the United States military's invading forces to the island in 1944.

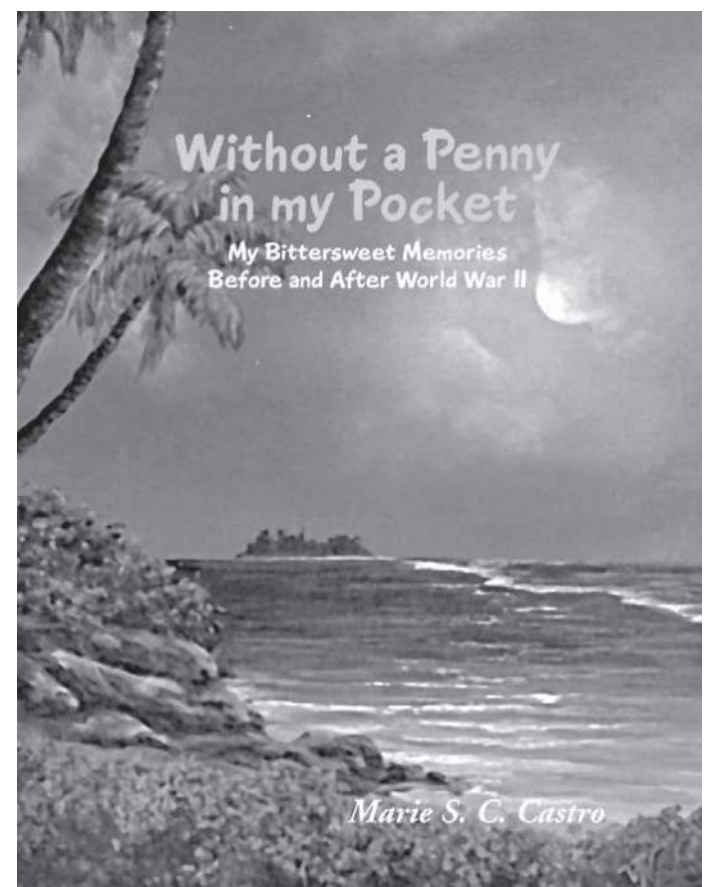
After years of partial reconstruction, the author describes her life-changing experience when undertaking a courageous journey from Saipan to the United States. After having boarded a transoceanic aircraft and flying almost halfway around the world with a series of island stops she reached to her destination in the middle of the United States to attend college. She arrived penniless and hungry.

It was Marie Castro's vow of poverty as a nun that resulted in her not having any money in her pocket during her long travel. Being unaware that airline food was free and thinking there was a charge, when offered her meal she unknowingly refused. Thus the inspired title of her book.

While in the United States for the first time to further her education, the author describes her impressions of life in America through the eyes of a person from a small island. We view her adventurous encounter through the fresh eyes of an awestruck youth. She pro-

By **WILLIAM "BILL" STEWART**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

William H. Stewart is an economist, historian and military cartographer.



vides the reader with a view of America as experienced through the lens of innocence and a determination to succeed.

As the author writes of her experiences in war and peace, on Saipan and in the United States, she shares one of her most treasured and unforgettable emotions that has remained locked in memory's treasure chest down through the distance of many years—her first American-style Christmas in 1944. Organized by her beloved Seabees, the warm reminiscences gave her a life-long appreciation for a group of lonely Americans who shared

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# Obama's final two years: A sprint on regulation?

By JAMES L. GATTUSO and DIANE KATZ  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The election results were a crushing political blow for the Obama administration, giving Republicans firm control of both houses of Congress for the final two years of his term. But this in no way signals the end of the president's policy agenda. It simply shifts the action to regulatory agencies.

In the days since the vote, this has already begun. Obama is moving forward with his immigration plans, and pushing his appointees on the Federal Communications Commission for stronger Internet regulation. While most modern presidents have routinely ended their terms by unspooling red tape, the regulatory hyperactivity of this administration may take the tactic to new levels.

President Obama has hardly been shy about his intention to use administrative action to bypass Congress. In this year's State of the Union address, he vowed to wield his executive powers when faced with congressional resistance to his legislative agenda: "America does not stand still—and neither will I," he said. "So wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation ... that's what I am going to do."

It's not a new strategy for the administration. According to our count, regulators issued 157 new major rules during Obama's first five years at a cost to Americans approaching \$73 billion annually, likely making the administration the most regulatory in history.

And there are many more regulations in the pipeline; agencies have identified 124 additional major rules they intend to work on

going forward. (A "major" rule is defined as one expected to impose costs on the private sector of at least \$100 million annually.)

Among these are dozens of Dodd-Frank rulemakings. Despite the prodigious output of financial-service regulators since 2010, a backlog of hundreds of rules is waiting to be written. As of Oct. 1, a total of 280 Dodd-Frank rulemaking deadlines have passed, of which four out of 10 have been missed. Regulators have not yet released proposals for about a quarter of the rules.

Rulemaking for Obamacare also is ongoing, including menu-labeling requirements for which compliance will require an estimated 10 million hours of work by private-sector firms. As proposed, chain restaurants and vending-machine operators will be required to disclose "in a clear and conspicuous manner" myriad specific nutrition information for each of their offerings—including the buffet.

Officials of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration are completing rulemaking on a new exposure standard for crystalline silica (fine particles of sand common to mining, manufacturing and construction). One industry analysis submitted to the Office of Management and Budget estimated compliance costs of \$5.5 billion annually, the loss of 17,000 "person-years" of employment, and \$3.1 billion of economic output each year.

Perhaps the most worrisome new rule is being developed by the Federal Communications Commission. The one Obama is pressuring them to adopt would subject Internet service providers to comprehensive regulation of transmission flows, turning these firms into 1930s-style public utilities. That would be a disaster for the Internet

and its users.

Congress must protect both its constitutional prerogatives and the welfare of individual Americans against the final regulatory push by the administration. It also must act defend against regulatory overreach in the future. Job One in this regard is adoption of legislation requiring congressional approval of new major regulations.

Congress, not regulators, should make the laws, and should be accountable to the American people for the results. To ensure this, no major regulation should be allowed to take effect until Congress explicitly approves it.

Other reforms are needed as well. The Congressional Budget Office should conduct regulatory impact analyses on all new legislation before it is voted on. A sunset date should be established, under which new rules expire unless they are reaffirmed. So-called "independent" agencies such as the FCC and Securities and Exchange Commission should be subjected to the OMB regulatory review process from which they are currently exempted.

This election will likely prompt the escalation rather than the end of the red tape flood. Without decisive action by Congress, the costs of red tape will continue to grow, and average Americans will be the victims.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Put integrity back in government

The results from the recent election were the voice of the majority of our voters in Precinct 2. From these results we can only assume that the majority of the voters are happy with what is happening in our community.

Most importantly, I want to take this moment to extend my deepest and profound appreciation to the concerned citizens who voted for me, who want change and who what to "put integrity back into government": *Un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase* and thank you. My family, friends and committee are grateful for your support.

I will continue to work with my supporters and members of our community to continue to advocate to effect the changes necessary for a safer, cleaner, healthier, and culturally rich environment in and around our neighborhood. I will not abandon our cause! I am your neighbor and I will not stop working towards these goals. And I need your continued support!

By the same token, I believe that the Hofschneider-Yumul team will provide the necessary change for a leadership that the people

truly deserve and can trust!

The current administration is the one that sold us out and the future of our children. How can we possibly trust them with our future? They have been in office for the last eight years and who among us is better off now than we were eight years ago? It is as if we are "stuck in time." Sometimes the truth hurts, but someone has to speak it.

Heinz and Ray will provide the vision and direction to return our government back to the people, the desired change for a clean, transparent and accountable government. It's simple—put integrity back into government."

A vote for Heinz and Ray will ensure that change is viable!

**Vicente 'Ben' Aldan Ichihara**  
*Chalan Kanoa, Saipan*

# The voucher helps everyone, not just a few consultants

The \$10 million was part of the community contribution that was promised by Best Sunshine. I am surprise that many of the Heinz and Yumul supporters do not agree with direct benefits to our community in which the money is not only realized by but directly benefits our people. Heinz and Yumul su supporters come up with this idea that the

money should go to the Public School System, CUC's pipeline project or other infrastructure.

With equal and direct contribution, everyone will receive a benefit regardless whether you are Independent, Republican, Democrat or neither of the three. There will be no highly paid consultants,

attorneys, engineers and other experts who will get the lion's share of the money. There will be no few businesses who will make a substantial profit out of the \$10 million. There will be no off-island contractors and there will be no hardware store that will benefit. There will be no middle man who will get any commission.

Instead, the money will directly reach every household and family of the CNMI. Thank you for the contribution and this is much appreciated.

I don't care what all the dirty politics is doing. I am sticking with my previous decision and I am going for IT!

**Henry U. Hofschneider**  
*via fax*

# Thank you

On behalf of Saipan's overseas Filipino workers, we would like to say "thank you" to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration in Manila for sending one of their personnel to process our membership renewal here on Saipan. We hope that in the next five succeeding years, OWWA services will always be part of OFWs' existence here on Saipan.

Apart from the smooth process of the membership renewal, there are still things to be addressed for those OFWs without CW1 permit on hand. We've noticed that quite a number of OFWs who had humanitarian parole or parole-in-place issued by USCIS were not allowed to renew their OWWA membership. Sad to see them frustrated in their eagerness and willingness to pay their OWWA membership. Is there any way that fellow OFWs can avail of OWWA membership even without a CW1 permit? OWWA membership provides healthcare and disability/death benefits to all its active members. Aside from these benefits, there other useful and/or profitable services that are essential to the welfare of OFWs and to their family members back home. We hope that OWWA administration and PCG Guam will address this issue in their next consular service and/or prior to the next OWWA membership renewal.

Thank you also to PCG Guam for urging and persuading OWWA Manila to send their personnel during their scheduled outreach services here on Saipan. Maraming salamat. Mabalos.

**Carlito J. Marquez**  
*Puerto Rico, Saipan*

# Breaking my silence

Whilst I was unsuccessful in my bid to secure a seat for Precinct 1 under the Democratic banner, principles of democracy are of utmost importance to me. In order to satisfy my hopes for the betterment of our Commonwealth, all is not lost. Speaking as a citizen and no longer a candidate, I opted not to endorse any candidate for the runoff election as I believe it is best to leave it to the supporters. However, hotly debated on the block to who should lead this great Commonwealth, I felt compelled to voice my opinion as it affects everyone's future, including mine.

Firstly, I just wanted to point out that it is politically incorrect, by principle, for a Democrat to be endorsing a Republican and vice versa. Secondly, there is no telling if endorsing any runoff hopeful will benefit those who voted for me to any effect. However, I am hopeful that any runoff hopeful will help everyone equally regardless of party affiliation. It was a very difficult decision for me to express, especially to those who voted for me but in the event knowing that my children's future is compromised, I have to make a decision for the sake of the "future of our children." Therefore, I will have to give my vote of confidence to the Hofschneider-Yumul team as "change" is what we all want. After all, this is what all camps were campaigning for anyway since Day 1—"change"! To me,

"solutions-driven" is the same as a band-aid approach for what is wrong with the government. So that leaves the word "change." To me, it means overhauling everything that is wrong with the government.

Here's why I can't consider the Inos-Torres tandem. 1) I am not worth \$635; 2) we the people had no say on the casino deal; 3) we gave the Inos administration a chance and in turn we got 40 years of servitude from the ills of what's to come from the casino. Casino? Not even the church condones this type of activity. If we the people can't be heard now, then rest assured we won't be heard at all.

Evidently, the future of our youth is at risk, and that is why the bright-minded M.I.L.E group individually endorsed HY. Common sense will tell you to follow what you believe is right and so they did. Their decision was based on what they believe in and not from outside influences that turn a blind eye. I kindly ask my supporters to do the same or at the very least respect my decision and think of the future of our children. Sincerity to serve the people should not be dictated by the size of one's checkbook but the size of one's heart. Money comes and goes but lying to the people has a lasting effect. Again, I will vote for Heinz and Ray for the sake of "change."

**Vince Go Cabrera**  
*Chalan Piao, Saipan*

termination to go forward and contribute toward the island's reconstruction, which took years of sacrifice.

From being without a penny in her pocket to a rewarding life of service to God and community, Marie Castro, as a former Catholic nun with the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz and a teacher on both Saipan and in Kansas, she has recorded good times and bad in her book. She is an inspiration for all who aspire to make a contribution by helping others through education and good deeds.

Interested individuals may purchase this book from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council at its office in Gualo Rai. The purchase price is \$20.

## WITHOUT

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the spirit of the holiday with all the children of a devastated island. The author provides lasting testimony that acts of kindness toward a child will never be forgotten.


Today's youth would be well-advised to learn from the experiences of the author, and her family and friends, of the heartbreak and suffering the people of Saipan endured and the faith they all exhibited to overcome such adversity. It was their strength of de-



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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THURSDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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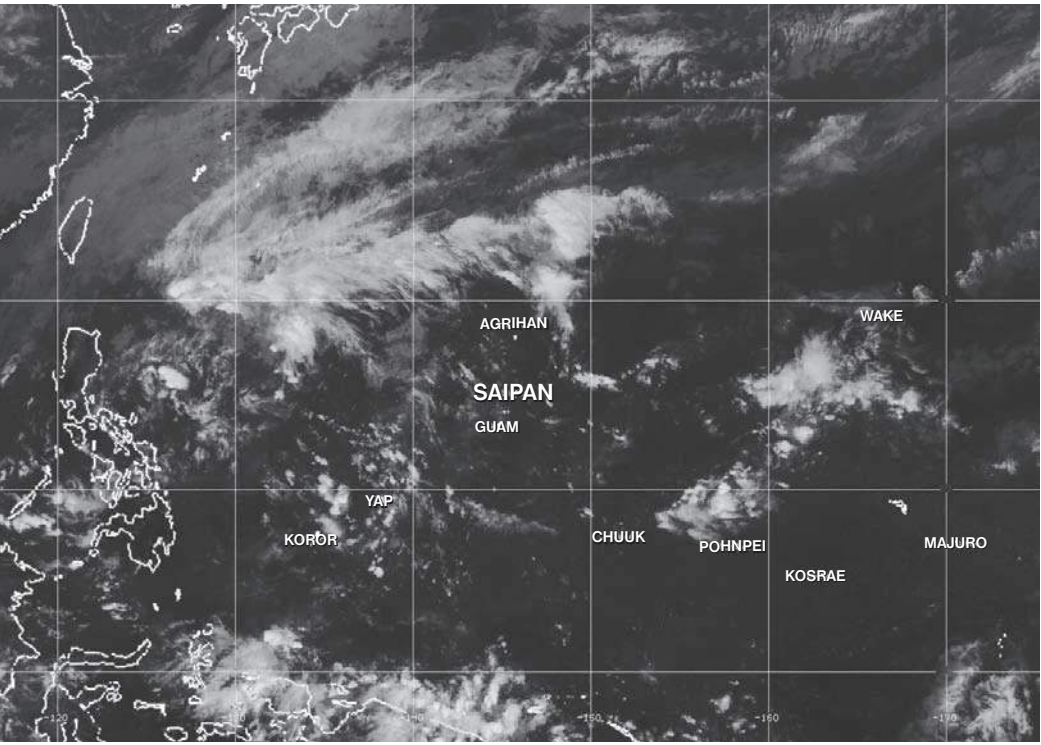
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends from 25N160E west-southwestward past Minami Tori Shima to beyond 130E at 19N. Cloudiness and scattered light showers are found along and up to 250 miles north of the shear line. Scattered heavier showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within about 75 miles of the shear line west of 150E and within 100 miles of 21N148E. A surface trough stretches northeastward from 8N158E to 12N162E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present northwest of Pohnpei between 8N and 11N from 153E to 159E. An upper-level low is centered near 18N159E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen southwest of Wake Island within 100 miles of a line from 16N159E to 14N169E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Sunny	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Sunny	▲87	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Windy	▲65	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲55	▼28
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲74	▼62
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼73
London	Showers	▲51	▼44
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲82	▼71
New York	Rain	▲59	▼33
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼44
Paris	Cloudy	▲50	▼46
Pusan	Sunny	▲56	▼38
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲64	▼53
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲47	▼28
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲50	▼30
Tokyo	Sunny	▲60	▼43
Washington, DC	Rain	▲57	▼28



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
4:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:23 AM	2:40 PM
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# Business

## Japan in recession as economy contracts 1.6 percent

**TOKYO (AP)**—Japan's economy contracted in July-September according to preliminary data released Monday, returning the country to recession and clouding the outlook for the global recovery.

The 1.6 percent drop in an-

nual growth for the world's third-biggest economy was much lower than expected. It raises the likelihood that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will delay implementation of a sales tax hike planned for October 2015.

That will slow progress on

Japan's effort to bring its government debt, the largest among industrial nations, under control—a commitment Abe made when he took office in December 2012, vowing to restore Japan's economic vigor after two decades of doldrums.

Abe was due back later Monday from the Group of 20 summit in Brisbane, Australia, where he and other leaders pledged to jolt the lethargic

world economy back to life and boost global GDP by more than \$2 trillion over five years.

Japan is struggling to regain momentum as its population declines and ages. Apart from its automakers, many of its manufacturers have lost their leading edge in innovation, while shifting production offshore. Japanese household incomes peaked more than a decade ago, and a growing share of workers

struggle to make ends meet on part-time, contract work.

Most economists had forecast that the world's third-biggest economy would expand at about a 2 percent pace and the contraction in July-September took most analysts by surprise.

A recession commonly is regarded as two straight quarters of economic contraction, and the decline in July-September represented a 0.4 percent de-

crease from the previous quarter. The economy contracted 7.1 percent in April-June after the national sales tax was raised to 8 percent from 5 percent.

"The important thing is domestic demand has been really weaker than expected," said Junko Nishioka, an economist at RBS Japan Securities. "The impact of the sales tax was much more severe than expected."

## Find a boss who's willing to let you advance

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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**Q:** My boss is refusing to help me advance my career. For 10 years, I have been the executive secretary for "Rob," the owner of a small law firm. When a legal assistant position recently opened up, I asked to move into that role, which doesn't require any legal experience.

Because of my long service and our excellent working relationship, I expected Rob to be supportive. However, he immediately said, "No, I need you right where you are." I explained that I could easily recruit a qualified replacement, but he wouldn't consider it.

My current responsibilities far exceed those of most secretaries, and I know I have the ability to do more. However, advancing within the firm now seems like an impossibility. Apparently, my only choices are to leave or remain a secretary forever. Do you have any advice?

**A:** Let's hope Rob knows more about the law than he does about management. Smart managers understand that blocking the advancement of a talented employee almost always backfires. Frustrated people eventually look elsewhere, and the best ones are quickly snapped up by other employers.

On an emotional level, Rob's refusal probably reflects his own anxieties. After 10 years together, he undoubtedly counts on you to anticipate his every wish and speak for him on many subjects, so the thought of a substitute scares him to death. But while his reliance on you is certainly a compliment, his decision to hold you back is extremely selfish.

Before abandoning hope, however, try making one more attempt to sell Rob on this idea. His initial resistance came as a surprise, but now that you recognize his concerns, perhaps you can develop a strategy to address them.

For example: "Rob, you know how much I enjoy working with you. However, I really am extremely interested in becoming a legal assistant. I realize that having a new secretary would be a big adjustment, so I would like to suggest a possible solution for that problem."

If your boss seems willing to listen, outline a specific plan for gradually increasing your legal duties while simultaneously training your replacement. But if he refuses to discuss any career options, you will know that you've assessed your choices correctly.

**Q:** My former company has introduced a new product line that is completely bogus. When I refused to promote the product to customers, our vice-president fired me. Should I inform the CEO about the problems with this product?

**A:** Although your question seems straightforward, the answer depends on several qualifiers, including the exact nature of the problem and the CEO's involvement with the product. Also, if your industry has a tight network, you should consider whether aggravating your bosses might harm your future employment prospects.

So let me try to sum all this up. If the product has serious quality issues, and if you are sure the CEO is unaware of them, and if lodging this complaint won't damage your reputation, then sharing your perspective might be worthwhile. But if any of these things are in doubt, you may want to give this decision a little more thought.



In this photo taken Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014, a family chooses a toy for their baby at Tokyo Station in Tokyo.

AP

## G-20 leaders agree on \$2 trillion boost to growth

**BRISBANE, Australia (AP)**—Under pressure to jolt the lethargic world economy back to life, leaders of G-20 nations on Sunday finalized a plan to boost global GDP by more than \$2 trillion over five years. The fanfare, however, was overshadowed by tensions between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Western leaders.

The communique from the Brisbane summit of Group of 20 wealthy and emerging nations revealed that the plan for jumpstarting growth includes investing in infrastructure, in-

creasing trade and the creation of a global infrastructure hub that would help match potential investors with projects.

Leaders also aim to reduce the gap between male and female participation in the workforce by 25 percent by 2025, saying that would put 100 million more women in employment and reduce poverty.

Speaking at the end of the summit, Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott said countries will hold each other to account by monitoring implementation of their commit-

ments to boost growth.

The G-20, criticized in recent years as being all talk and no action, was urged to deliver measurable results this year. Perhaps in response, the group said the International Monetary Fund and OECD will also play a role in monitoring progress and estimating the economic benefits of the growth plan.

IMF managing director Christine Lagarde dismissed concerns that countries might fudge their growth figures, saying that while the monitoring isn't scientific, it's a thorough

and detailed process.

"We'll make sure they keep their feet to the fire," she said.

The G-20 communique says if the \$2 trillion initiative is fully implemented, it will lift global GDP by 2.1 percent above expected levels by 2018 and create millions of jobs.

Abbott said countries agreed on more than 800 new measures to spur the global economy, which the IMF describes as facing a "new mediocre."

"People right around the world are going to be better off," he said.

## Administration says HealthCare.gov working well

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—As a crucial second sign-up season gears up, the Obama administration said Sunday that HealthCare.gov is stable and working well, a far cry from last year's frozen computer screens and frustrated customers.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell said she expects "strong and healthy growth" for 2015. About 7 million people are signed up, and Burwell expects to grow that by 2 million

more or so.

The Congressional Budget Office has projected a total of 13 million enrolled for 2015, and some see the administration as trying to lower expectations.

Burwell told NBC's "Meet the Press" that 100,000 people had submitted new applications this weekend via the federal website serving 37 states. That's a big difference from last year, when only a handful of customers managed to enroll on the first day.

Burwell also said that a half-million people who already have coverage through the program were able to log into their accounts this time.

There were reports Saturday that returning customers had problems, and it appeared some of that may have been confusion trying to remember user names and passwords. Administration spokesman Aaron Albright said Sunday he had not seen any indication that the website was the cause.

Many returning customers had not reset their passwords, as they were asked to earlier this year. Some could not recall their accurate user names. A common mistake involved consumers who entered their email addresses as user names, when they had actually created a user name earlier on. That meant they couldn't get a password reset email from HealthCare.gov, because they did not use the correct user name.



# Nation

## Parents of beheaded US aid worker are 'heartbroken'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The parents of an American aid worker captured by Islamic State militants last year while delivering relief supplies to refugees in Syria said Sunday they are "heartbroken" by his death at the hands of those militants but "incredibly proud" of his compassion and humanitarian work.

Ed and Paula Kassig of Indianapolis said in a statement that their 26-year-old son, Peter Kassig, "lost his life as a result of his love for the Syrian people and his desire to ease their suffering."

"We will work every day to keep his legacy alive as best we can," they said.

Kassig was captured last year in eastern Syria while delivering relief supplies to refugees of Syria's civil war. The Indianapolis man, a former U.S. Army ranger who founded a relief organization, converted to Islam while in captivity and took the first name Abdul-Rahman.

The White House confirmed Kassig's death Sunday after Islamic State militants released a video showing that Kassig had been beheaded. President Barack Obama called Kassig's killing "an act of pure evil" and said the Islamic State group "revels in the slaughter of innocents, including Muslims, and is bent only on sowing death and destruction."

The Kassigs said in their statement that their hearts also go "out to the families of the Syrians who lost their lives, along with our son." They said they also grieve "for the families of the other captives who did not make it home safely."

The Kassigs learned of their son's capture last year, but did



This undated photo provided by the Kassig Family shows Peter Kassig delivering supplies for Syrian refugees.

not disclose his captivity while family and friends quietly worked to secure his release. In October, their son appeared in another video released by the Islamic State group that showed the beheading of a fellow aid worker, Britain's Alan Henning. The militants vowed that Kassig would be next, leading his parents to plead publicly for mercy while stressing his humanitarian work and conversion to Islam.

Kassig first went to the Middle East with the Army, which

he joined in 2006, according to his military records. He ultimately served in the 75th Ranger Regiment, a special operations unit, and served in Iraq from April until July 2007 before being medically discharged as a private first class that September.

His desire to perform aid work in the region was kindled during a March 2012 spring break trip to Beirut while he was studying political science at Butler University. Kassig, a

certified EMT, left school and returned two months later to Lebanon, where he worked as a medical assistant and humanitarian worker and treated people from all sides of the conflict in neighboring Syria.

In September 2012, he founded Special Emergency Response and Assistance, or SERA, which suspended its relief work after his capture.

Kassig, who grew up in an Indianapolis family with a long history of humanitarian work and teaching, said during a January 2013 interview with Time that he traveled heavily throughout Lebanon to assess the needs of people there. SERA, he said, focused on supplementing the work of larger organizations by delivering aid that could "do the most good for the most people over the longest period of time possible."

"It's about showing people that we care, that someone is looking out for those who might be overlooked or who have slipped through the cracks in the system for whatever reason," he said.

Kassig's friends and family say he understood the risks of working in the region, but he felt called to help.

## Hunting club may cancel endangered rhino hunt

DALLAS (AP)—A Texas hunting club that auctioned off a permit to shoot an endangered black rhinoceros in Africa said it will cancel the hunt if a federal agency denies the winning bidder's request to bring the dead animal back to the U.S. as a trophy.

Corey Knowlton bid \$350,000 at a January auction that the Dallas Safari Club billed as a fundraising effort to save the endangered species. Last spring, he applied for a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that would enable him

to import the rhino's body following the hunt in Namibia. But he's still waiting to hear back.

The agency is applying extra scrutiny to Knowlton's request because of the rise in poaching, said spokesman Gavin Shire.

If the permit is denied, the safari club plans to refund Knowlton's money that was pledged to a rhino conservation fund in the southwestern African country.

"Most people that have an animal mounted, it's their memory of their experience," said Ben Carter, the safari club's executive director. "It's not always,

'Look at what I've shot.' When they look at it, they remember everything. That's what he bid the money on, that opportunity."

The wildlife agency began taking public comment on the permit application this month and has already heard from many of the groups that fervently opposed the auction.

The safari club has defended the planned hunt, noting that auction proceeds would go to a trust fund administered by the Namibian government to help boost the black rhino population.

## Prosecutors troubled by extent of military fraud

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fabian Barrera found a way to make fast cash in the Texas National Guard, earning roughly \$181,000 for claiming to have steered 119 potential recruits to join the military. But the bonuses were ill-gotten because the former captain never actually referred any of them.

Barrera's case, which ended last month with a prison sentence of at least three years, is part of what Justice Department lawyers describe as a recurring pattern of corruption that spans a broad cross section of the military.

In a period when the nation has spent freely to support wars on multiple fronts, prosecutors have found plentiful targets: defendants who bill for services they do not provide, those who steer lucrative contracts to select business partners and those who use bribes to game a

vast military enterprise.

Despite numerous cases that have produced long prison sentences, the problems have continued abroad and at home with a frequency that law enforcement officials consider troubling.

"The schemes we see really run the gamut from relatively small bribes paid to somebody in Afghanistan to hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of contracts being steered in the direction of a favored company who's paying bribes," Assistant Attorney General Leslie Caldwell, head of the Justice Department's criminal division, said in an interview.

In the past few months alone, four retired and one active-duty Army National Guard officials were charged in a complex bribery and kick-back scheme involving the awarding of contracts for mar-

keting and promotional material, and a trucking company driver pleaded guilty to bribing military base employees in Georgia to obtain freight shipments—often weapons which required satellite tracking—to transport to the West Coast.

More recently, a former contractor for the Navy's Military Sealift Command, which provides transportation for the service, was sentenced to prison along with a businessman in a bribery case in which cash, a wine refrigerator and other gifts traded hands in exchange for favorable treatment on telecommunications work. Also, three men, including two retired Marine Corps officers, were charged with cheating on a bid proposal for maintenance work involving a helicopter squadron that serves the White House.



This Aug. 28, 2013 file photo provided by Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo shows an Eastern black rhinoceros calf and its mother, 8-year-old Kapuki, at the zoo in Chicago.



# Asia

## Russian president Putin denies he fled summit pressure

**BRISBANE, Australia (AP)**—Russian President Vladimir Putin made an early exit on Sunday from a two-day summit of world leaders where he was roundly criticized over Russia's escalating aggression in Ukraine, but brushed off suggestions that he had felt pressured.

Putin was the first leader to fly out of Brisbane on Sunday afternoon as his fellow leaders in the G-20 club of wealthy and developing nations shared a lunch and before they released the communique to cap off their annual summit.

He also departed Australia shortly before President Barack Obama and European leaders opened their talks on Ukraine, where Russia is backing separatist rebels in the east of the country after annexing Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula in March. In July, a Malaysia Airlines flight was shot down, killing all 298 people on board, while flying over a rebel-held area of eastern Ukraine.

Putin explained he left early because he wanted to be rested before returning to work. He began the half-hour news conference by praising his host, Prime Minister Tony Abbott, for providing a "nice, welcoming and good working atmosphere."

"On Monday I must go to work. I hope to have four or five hours to sleep," Putin said shortly before leaving Brisbane. "I told this to Tony and he was



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In this photo released by G20 Australia and taken on Saturday Nov. 15, 2014, Prime Minister of Australia Tony Abbott and President of Russia Vladimir Putin hold koala's during a photo opportunity on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Brisbane, Australia.

ing plenty good."

Despite a cease-fire agreement between Ukraine and pro-Russian rebels signed in Minsk, Belarus, in September, fighting continues and key conditions haven't been met. Ukraine and the West have accused Russia of fueling the rebellion with a constant flow of troops and weapons, accusations Moscow has denied.

Abbott has been particularly strong-worded in his criticism of Russia since Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 plane was shot down in July. Australia lost 38 citizens and residents in the MH 17 disaster.

Abbott at one point said he planned to "shirt front"—or physically confront—Putin over the disaster.

Asked at the conclusion of the summit about where things stood with the Russian leader, Abbott responded that they'd had a "very robust" discussion about the situation in Ukraine.

"I utterly deplore what seems to be happening in eastern Ukraine," Abbott said. "I demand that Russia fully cooperate with the investigation, the criminal investigation of the downing of MH17, one of the most terrible atrocities of recent times."

Putin said Ukraine was never mentioned during the official G-20 meetings, but was brought up at every meeting with other leaders he attended on the sidelines.

"Those discussions were very honest, meaningful and very helpful," Putin said.

very understanding so I didn't give it a second thought."

New Corp. newspapers in Australia reported Sunday that Putin was the day before considering an early departure in response to the cold shoulder from world leaders. But Abbott's office said the early afternoon exit had been scheduled.

The U.S., Australia and Japan issued a statement condemning Russia for its actions in Ukraine, and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper reacted to an offer of a handshake from Putin by responding, "I guess I'll shake your hand, but I have only one thing to say to you: You need to get

out of Ukraine."

Ukraine, once a part of the Soviet Union, has tilted toward the European Union, angering Putin who wants to keep the country within Russia's orbit.

Obama bluntly accused Putin of not living up to a cease-fire agreement in Ukraine, but offered no new plans for how the West might change his calculus.

Obama spoke shortly after huddling with European leaders including French President Francois Hollande, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron to discuss the conflict and worsening security situation. On the potential for

increasing sanctions against Russia, Obama said the U.S. and European allies are always looking at more penalties but the existing sanctions are "bit-

## What Japan's recession means for country, world

**TOKYO (AP)**—In a surprise, Japan said its economy, the world's 3rd-biggest following the U.S. and China, contracted 1.6 percent at an annual pace in the July-September quarter as consumer and corporate spending failed to regain momentum after a sales tax increase in April.

Here are some implications for the global economy and for Japan following the unexpectedly dismal GDP report:

**CLOUDED OUTLOOK:** A recession is generally regarded as two straight quarters of economic contraction, and Japan's economy shrank 7.1 percent in the April-June quarter, immediately following the sales tax hike. The slump comes as China's growth is slowing and Europe's economy is limping along. It could drag on Asia's growth if Japanese businesses hold back on investing abroad and companies and consumers buy fewer imports. The drop also adds to uncertainties in world financial markets.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will likely delay another sales tax hike planned for October 2015, and use the miserable GDP reading as a rea-

son for calling snap elections, possibly as early as next month, to try to shore up sagging public support for his government.

**BIGGER PROBLEMS:** Japan's population is shrinking and aging, creating a smaller domestic market and placing heavier tax burdens on younger wage-earners. Apart from its automakers, Japan's many manufacturers have lost their innovative edge and have been shifting production offshore. Household incomes peaked more than a decade ago, and a growing share of workers struggle to make ends meet on part-time, contract work.

**TINKERING WITH TAXES:** After many years of deficit spending, Japan needs tax increases to get its battered government finances into better shape and cut its total public debt, which is more than twice the size of the economy and the largest among developed nations. A delay in the tax hike will slow that process.

**EXTRA STIMULUS:** Abe is hoping that his "Abenomics" policies of lax monetary policy, fiscal spending and structural economic reforms will eventually get growth back on track. Analysts also expect him to an-

nounce a package worth about 3 trillion yen to 4 trillion yen (\$26 billion to \$35 billion) in extra spending on subsidies to low-income families, help for small and medium-sized companies and other measures meant to boost consumer spending and business investment.

**UPWARD REVISION?** Since Monday's data is preliminary, with a revision due Dec. 8, things may not be as bad as the initial GDP reading suggests. Rising orders for machinery and other industrial equipment could lead to higher manufacturing output in coming months.

**IN THE LONG RUN:** Abe has promised drastic reforms of labor regulations, the tax system and the health industry, among other areas, to help improve Japan's competitiveness. But so far he's made little headway, while most companies have not passed on windfall gains from stock price increases and surging profits to their workers in the form of higher wages. If Abe dissolves the parliament this week for a general election in mid-December, work on some of those initiatives will be tabled, slowing progress still further.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### American questioned for shipping human body parts

**BANGKOK (AP)**—Police say an American tourist visiting Thailand was questioned after a shipping company X-rayed his parcels and found they contained several preserved human parts, including an infant's head, babies' feet and heart. Police Col. Chumpol Poompuang says the 31-year-old man told police he bought the body parts at an outdoor Bangkok market and was sending them to friends in Las Vegas because he thought they were "bizarre." Chumpol said the parts discovered Saturday night were preserved in formaldehyde and forensic experts said they were more than 10 years old. He said Monday they were likely stolen from medical institutes, where such preservation technique can be performed. The tourist was released without being charged.

#### Fire in China food plant kills at least 18

**BEIJING (AP)**—A fire in a carrot-packaging plant has killed at least 18 people in east-

ern China, state media reported Monday. The official Xinhua News Agency said another 13 people were injured in the fire Sunday night in the Longyuan Food Co. facility in the city of Shouguang. The fire was put out after about 2 1/2 hours, Xinhua reported. The cause is still under investigation.

#### Senior North Korean official leaves for Russia

**PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)**—A special envoy of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has left Pyongyang for Russia to discuss ways to improve trade and political ties. Choe Ryong Hae, a senior official in the ruling Workers' Party and one of Kim's close associates, left Pyongyang on Monday. He is scheduled to stay in Russia until Nov. 24. Russia's foreign ministry has said Moscow hopes to discuss trade and economic ties, the situation on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia, and other international issues. Choe will visit Moscow as well as Khabarovsk and Vladivostok in Russia's Far East. Choe visited Beijing last year as a spe-

cial envoy and was a member of a high-profile North Korean delegation that visited South Korea in early October during the Asian Games.

#### Strong quake strikes off New Zealand but no damage

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—A strong magnitude-6.7 earthquake that struck off the New Zealand coast Monday morning rattled much of the country but did not result in any initial reports of damage or injuries. The quake hit 178 kilometers (110 miles) northeast of the North Island city of Gisborne, according to the United States Geological Survey. The quake's epicenter was a relative deep 35 kilometers, according to the agency. The quake was felt throughout much of country according to the GeoNet agency, which collects earthquake information. Most people reported feeling it as a light or moderate shaking. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue a tsunami warning. A 2011 earthquake in the city of Christchurch destroyed much of the downtown and killed 185 people.

## Bomb kills 1, wounds 16 in southern Philippines

**KIDAPAWAN, Philippines (AP)**—A bomb exploded on a pedestrian overpass in a southern Philippine town threatened by Muslim rebels in the past, killing a student and wounding 16 others late Sunday, police and military officials said.

Soldiers defused two other bombs near the scene of the first blast in the farming town of Kabacan in North Cotabato province, Police Senior Inspector Jarwin Castroberde said.

Four of the victims were brought to a hospital in critical condition, according to Kabanacan official David Saure. One of them, a 19-year-old girl, was pronounced dead on arrival in hospital, hospital personnel said.

Castroberde says investigators were trying to identify the attackers but the suspects include breakaway guerrillas opposed to a peace deal between the Philippine govern-

ment and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the largest insurgent group in the south of the largely Roman Catholic nation.

The few hundred breakaway guerrillas have continued occasional attacks against government forces and far-flung communities in the marshy heartland of southern Mindanao region in a futile fight for a separate homeland for minority Muslims.



## World

## Islamic State beheads US aid worker Peter Kassig

**BEIRUT (AP)**—The Islamic State group has beheaded Peter Kassig, releasing a video Sunday showing a masked militant standing over the severed head of a man it said was the former U.S. Army Ranger-turned-aid worker, who was seized while delivering relief supplies in Syria last year.

President Barack Obama confirmed Kassig's slaying after a U.S. review of the video, which also showed the mass beheadings of a dozen Syrian soldiers.

The 26-year-old Kassig, who founded an aid group to help Syrians caught in their country's brutal civil war, "was taken from us in an act of pure evil by a terrorist group that the world rightly associates with inhumanity," Obama said in a statement.

He denounced the extremist group, which he said "revels in

the slaughter of innocents, including Muslims, and is bent only on sowing death and destruction."

The slain hostage's parents, Ed and Paula Kassig, said they were "heartbroken" by their son's killing, but "incredibly proud" of his humanitarian work. Kassig "lost his life as a result of his love for the Syrian people and his desire to ease their suffering," the parents said in a statement from Indianapolis.

With Kassig's death, the Islamic State group has killed five Westerners it was holding. American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff were beheaded, as were British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning.

Unlike previous videos of slain Western hostages, the footage released Sunday did not

show the decapitation of Kassig or the moments leading up to his death.

"This is Peter Edward Kassig, a U.S. citizen ... who fought against the Muslims in Iraq," said the black-clad militant, who spoke with a British accent that was distorted in the video, apparently to disguise his identity. Previous videos featured a militant with a British accent that the FBI says it has identified, though it hasn't named him publicly.

The footage released Sunday identifies the militants' location as Dabiq, a town in northern Syria that the Islamic State group uses as the title of its English-language propaganda magazine and where they believe an apocalyptic battle between Muslims and their enemies will occur.

The high-definition video also showed the beheadings of about a dozen men identified as Syrian military officers and pilots, all dressed in blue jumpsuits. The black-clad militant warns that U.S. soldiers will meet a similar fate.

"We say to you, Obama: You claim to have withdrawn from

Iraq four years ago," the militant said. "Here you are: You have not withdrawn. Rather, you hid some of your forces behind your proxies." A U.S.-led coalition is targeting the Islamic State group in airstrikes, supporting Western-backed Syrian rebels, Kurdish fighters and the Iraqi military.

Kassig, who served in the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, a special operations unit, deployed to Iraq in 2007. After being medically discharged, he returned to the Middle East in 2012 and formed a relief group, Special Emergency Response and Assistance, to aid Syrian refugees.



This undated file photo provided by the Kassig Family shows Peter Kassig standing in front of a truck filled with supplies for Syrian refugees.

## New video of MH17 downing shows alarm in Ukraine



Recovery workers in rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine load debris from the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, in Hrabove, Ukraine, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, four months after the plane was brought down.

**HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP)**—Four months after Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine, The Associated Press has obtained video that shows how close the burning passenger jet came to hitting village homes and suggests that residents first assumed it was a Ukrainian military plane that had been struck.

The amateur footage, filmed by a resident of Hrabove, shows people reacting in alarm as wreckage blazes only a few meters away from their homes on the afternoon of July 17. The video is perhaps the first taken immediately after the plane came down.

The ultimate cause of the MH17 disaster is the subject of major diplomatic disputes. Ukraine and Western government say Russia-backed separatist fighters fired the rockets that felled the plane, while state-run television in Moscow over the weekend produced evidence

it claims places blame with Ukraine's air force.

All 298 people aboard the Boeing 777 flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur were killed when it was shot down over a rebel-held area. Charred remains of the aircraft are scattered around fields over an area of 20 square kilometers (8 square miles).

Workers on Sunday began collecting debris from the crash site, under the supervision of Dutch investigators and officials from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The recovered fragments will be loaded onto trains and taken to the government-controlled eastern city of Kharkiv. The investigation into what happened to MH17 is being conducted there and in the Netherlands.

The recovery operations have been delayed amid continued fighting between government troops and separatist fighters. A truce was agreed in Septem-

ber, but hostilities have raged on nonetheless.

In the video obtained on Sunday by AP, residents of the village of Hrabove can be heard asking about the whereabouts of the pilot. This is significant because multiple Ukrainian military planes had been shot down by this time, and their pilots and crew regularly taken prisoner by rebel forces.

Three days before the MH17 was brought down, rebels claimed responsibility for shooting down an Antonov-24 military transport plane.

The downing of MH17 stunned Ukrainian defense officials. They argued that the aircraft must have been targeted by Russian fighter jets, as it was flying at an altitude of 6,500 meters (21,300 feet), far beyond the reach of the Igla portable surface-to-air missiles then being used by rebel fighters. The plane was flying at 10,000 meters (33,000 feet) when it was hit.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Suicide bomber kills 13 in northeastern Nigeria

**BAUCHI, Nigeria (AP)**—A female suicide bomber set off an explosion in northeastern Nigeria on Sunday killing 13 people and injuring 65, police said. The bomber struck on Sunday at the market in Azare, about 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of Bauchi, said Mohammed Haruna, police public relations officer in Bauchi. The bombing is the latest of a series in northeastern Nigeria by Islamic extremists who have also seized several towns and cities and have kidnapped hundreds, including more than 200 schoolgirls.

## Bird flu confirmed at Dutch, UK farms

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)**—The Dutch government on Sunday banned the transport of poultry and eggs throughout the country after confirming an outbreak of bird flu at a chicken farm. The Ministry for Economic Affairs said the outbreak is deadly to poultry and can also be transmitted to humans. Spokesman Jan van Diepen said the exact strain of bird flu has not yet been established. All 150,000 chickens at the farm in Hek-

endorp, 65 kilometers (40 miles) south of Amsterdam, were being slaughtered. It was not clear how the farm became infected. As well as halting the movement of poultry, other birds and eggs nationwide for 72 hours, the government is imposing other restrictions, including banning the transport of byproducts such as poultry manure and hay that have been used in poultry farms. Also Sunday, British authorities confirmed a case of bird flu at a duck breeding farm in Yorkshire in northern England.

## Comet scientists take break after 4 straight days

**BERLIN (AP)**—The European Space Agency says that its scientists are taking a bit of a break after working for four days around the clock since the pioneering lander Philae touched down on a comet. ESA spokeswoman Jocelyn Landeau-Constantin told The Associated Press that most of the agency's scientific teams were resting Sunday "after several sleepless nights." Nonetheless, some scientists were still busy evaluating the data that Philae sent down to ESA on Saturday before its depleted batteries forced it to go silent. Philae landed Wednesday on

comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko about 311 million miles (500 million kilometers) from Earth, but then settled next to a cliff that largely blocked sunlight from reaching its solar panels.

## Nigerian army says it has regained town of Chibok

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)**—The Nigerian army has regained control of Chibok, the northeastern town where more than 200 schoolgirls were kidnapped by Islamic extremists more than six months ago, said army officials. The army wrested back control of Chibok on Saturday, about 48 hours after it had been captured by the Islamic militants of Boko Haram, Nigerian army spokesman Brigadier General Olajide Olaleye told the Associated Press. "Chibok is firmly in the hands of the Nigerian army," Olaleye told the AP. "Chibok is free. Secured." He encouraged Chibok residents to return to their homes. The town of about 60,000 in Nigeria's northeastern Borno state had been captured by Boko Haram insurgents on Thursday night. Thousands of residents fled when the rebels entered the town shooting from pickup trucks and motorcycles.



# Focus

## Better strategies sought to curb domestic violence

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On a high school football field near Pittsburgh, an assistant coach tackled a topic unrelated to the upcoming game.

"One of the biggest components of being a man is how you treat females," Kevin Murray told his players at Woodland Hills High. "We'd be doing you a very big disservice by not holding you accountable."

At the jailhouse in High Point, North Carolina, a sterner version of that message is now given routinely to men detained for domestic-violence offenses and considered at risk of re-offending.

"We're putting these guys on notice that domestic violence is not going to be tolerated here," said Police Chief Marty Sumner. "The message is very clear: 'We know who you are, we know what you're doing. It has to stop.'"

The two programs target different audiences. But in the realm of domestic-violence prevention, where the record of success is spotty, they share a status as two of the nation's most promising initiatives.

Coaching Boys Into Men is one of the flagship programs developed by Futures Without Violence, a nonprofit working to curb abuse of women and children. Thousands of high school coaches across the country, now joined by some middle school coaches, have received training in how to convey to their players the importance of treating young women with respect and avoiding abusive behavior.

The program has attracted the notice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The federal agency funded a three-year evaluation, involving more than 2,000 high school athletes in Sacramento County, California, which found that participating players were more likely to intervene to stop abuse and less likely to perpetrate it.

High Point's program—the Offender-Focused Domestic Violence Initiative—was conceived in 2009 based on an approach developed by David M. Kennedy, a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. While many programs focus on helping victims of domestic violence, High Point's initiative targets the offender with a strategy of aggressive deterrence.

Since the program was fully implemented in 2012, the recidivism rate for domestic-violence offenders in High Point has been cut to about 9 percent, which the police department says is about one-third the national rate. There's been one intimate-partner homicide since



In this Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 photo, High Point Police Detective J.W. Thompson waits as a person is processed before entering the city's jail to serve a domestic violence prevention notification to an offender, in High Point, N.C.

2009, compared to 17 between 2004 and 2008.

"We'd get 5,000 domestic-violence calls a year—every year it's our No. 1 call," Chief Sumner said. "It gets passed on from generation to generation, but this program is a really good shot at breaking that cycle citywide."

Efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence have been vigorously pursued in the U.S. for more than three decades. After Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, domestic violence committed by intimate partners—current or former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends—declined by more than 60 percent over the next 10 years.

Since then, however, the numbers have stayed relatively flat.

Even as incidents involving National Football League players and other pro athletes refocus attention on domestic violence, leading prevention advocates say more resources and smarter strategies are needed to combat it.

"We now have a safety net for victims, we have the laws in place, judges who understand the seriousness of the issue," said Esta Soler, president of Futures Without Violence. "We need to do more to prevent the problems, not just treat the problems."

For decades, so-called batterer intervention programs have been one of the main forms of prevention, with offenders participating in group sessions aimed at promoting non-abusive behavior. A range of local programs have won praise—such as Wisdom Walk, which focuses on African-American

men in Milwaukee, and Caminar Latino, which runs a 24-week program for Latino men in Atlanta.

However, research on the effectiveness of group intervention programs has produced mixed findings—causing some judges and probation officers to mandate that men participate, others saying there's no evidence of success.

And what about the much-discussed programs in High Point and Pittsburgh? Here's a closer look at each:

The new regimen in High Point, a city of about 107,000, kicks into gear whenever police respond to a domestic disturbance call. Even if there's no arrest, and no previous record of domestic violence, the alleged aggressors receive another visit from a police officer within 48 hours and are notified that they are henceforth on a "watch list."

With any subsequent domestic violence offense, there's an escalating series of consequences, including a face-to-face warning from a detective at the time of arrest and—for some repeat offenders—a summons to appear in person before a panel of police, prosecutors and members of the community.

"In an hour, we explain how it's going to be different," Sumner said. "We will use any means to sanction you."

The pressure tactics include threatening to classify any further domestic violence offense as a felony and to expedite prosecution of any other criminal case pending against the offender. Sumner's department has found that many domestic-violence offenders have a record

of other violent crimes, and uses those records to help decide which targets of the program might deserve extra scrutiny.

The community panel makes clear that the police will maintain their aggressive stance regardless of whether the offender's victim plays an active role in any future case or seeks to stay out of it.

David Kennedy noted that in the traditional responses to domestic violence, the onus often was on the victim to report the abuse and testify about it in court, sometimes incurring threats and further violence in the process.

"We wanted to be able to say to the offender, 'You're dealing with us, you're not dealing with her. The state is going to make you stop,'" Kennedy said. "The feedback from the women is, 'You've got his attention. Things are better. Keep it up, and keep me out of it.'"

If victimized women do want services, they are offered through a Victim's Justice Center that opened in April. It's a one-stop site where victims can meet with police, get protective orders from legal aid attorneys, and be informed of other available services.

"In the past, it was up to the victim to do all the work while dealing with the threats," said Tiffany Atkins, a domestic violence attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina. "Now we take the responsibility."

Sumner said his department has been able to implement the program without increasing its budget—primarily by adding some new training and reassigning two detectives to specialize

in domestic-violence cases.

Said Kennedy of the approach, "If you do it smart, it doesn't need to be costly."

If any high school was tailor-made for Coaching Boys Into Men, it might be Woodland Hills. It's a perennial football powerhouse in western Pennsylvania, sending many of its players on to major college teams and even to the NFL. It also serves a 12-town district that includes some of greater Pittsburgh's roughest neighborhoods.

"The community of kids we deal with—there are a lot of broken homes," said Keith Davis, who attended the school and now, at 30, is in his third year on the football coaching staff.

"A lot of players have seen where their father has beaten their mother, beaten their sister—it's no wonder they grow up the same way," Davis said. "The program—they're actually living it. In some schools, it might not hit home the way it did with us."

Davis recalled how players followed news reports of the Steubenville, Ohio, case in which two high school football players were convicted last year of raping a 16-year-old girl after an alcohol-fueled party in 2012.

"A lot of our guys came back and said, 'Coach, I've been in situations like that,'" Davis said. "We have to put a stop to it."

Launched as a public service announcement campaign in 2001, Coaching Boys Into Men has since expanded to schools and coaches associations across the country—with new pilot programs this year involving coaches of 7th- and

8th-grade athletes. It's based on the premise that young athletes will take exhortations from their coaches seriously, and then—as role models among their peers—will be taken seriously by other students as they re-think their attitudes about relationships and abuse.

"If you're a student athlete, you're also a student leader—respected by peers, by underclassmen, with a degree of influence and power," said Alan Johnson, superintendent of the Woodland Hills School District. "You can be a leader for good, or a leader for bad. You have to make the decision which kind you're going to be."

One of the team's top linemen on offense and defense, 265-pound senior Daniel Gibson, said the players, by taking the program to heart, had indeed had an influence on other students.

"Whatever we do, everyone else would like to do," he said. "They get off on our vibe"

Another advocate of Coaching Boys Into Men is Wendell Say, head football coach for 35 years at Aiea High School near Honolulu. He's been using the program for five years—it's now a routine prelude to practices on Wednesdays.

"The curriculum is simple—it just takes 15 minutes at most, unless you let the kids talk," Say said. "I sometimes take 45 minutes."

Say says his players—many from low-income housing projects—often convey their firsthand knowledge of domestic violence. They've seen it in their family, or abused their own girlfriends, and they've also followed the domestic-violence cases involving Ray Rice and other NFL players.

"We still have kids who make wrong choices," Say said. "But hopefully every year you learn more—a little understanding that just because you're stronger doesn't give you the right to hurt someone."

The program—broken down thematically on a series of "training cards"—targets such behavior as catcalling and demeaning boasts about girlfriends. It also advises coaches on how to handle actual incidents of physical and sexual violence committed by team members.

The ethos is summed up in a pledge to be taken by players and coaches:

"I believe in treating women and girls with honor and respect. I know that violence is neither a solution nor a sign of strength. I believe that real men lead with conviction and speak out against violence against women and girls. I believe that I can be a role model to others by taking this pledge."



## Overdrive

# 2015 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X offers on- and off-road gear

By G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III  
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As the second Japanese automaker to open a U.S. plant, Nissan has been assembling its signature compact pickups in Smyrna, Tenn., since the first Datsun model rolled off the assembly line in June 1983.

Now known in the North American market as the Nissan Frontier, and now considered midsize because of its growth spurt for the current generation, these pickups are among the best of their size on the market.

They roll into 2015 continuing to offer a variety of configurations and the legendary ruggedness and reliability that have made them popular with consumers worldwide.

The Frontier also continues to be an excellent performer both on and off the road, with a long list of optional features that can dress them up for city life or make them as tough as necessary for serious trail driving.

Available in either King Cab or Crew Cab body styles, with a choice of two bed lengths, the Frontier has standard rear-wheel drive, with a highly capable four-wheel-drive system offered on all models.

There are five trim levels, and power comes from either a fuel-efficient 2.5-liter inline four-cylinder engine with 152 horsepower and 171 foot-pounds of torque (available only on base

two-wheel-drive King Cab models) or a great-performing 4.0-liter V-6 with 261 horsepower and 271 foot-pounds of torque.

The trucks come with a choice of transmissions—a five-speed automatic with either the four- or six-cylinder engine; a six-speed manual with the V-6; or a five-speed manual with the four-cylinder.

Our 2015 Pro-4X tester (base price \$32,560, plus \$860 freight) came with the factory sprayed-on bed liner and the nifty Utili-track cargo tie-down system, which was great for hauling some furniture during our test. It includes four adjustable tie-down cleats.

Of course, the best fuel economy comes from the two-wheel-drive models with the four-cylinder engine and the manual gearbox—EPA estimated at 19 mpg city/23 highway.

But our tester, which came with the Crew Cab and V-6 engine, had much-lower mileage numbers: 15 city/21 highway/17 combined. During our week with this truck, we averaged just over 17 mpg, with a combination of city, highway and off-road driving.

For 2015, Frontier received a number of enhancements, including standard NissanConnect with navigation and mobile apps on the Pro-4X, and a moon roof included on the SL Long Wheelbase models.

The Pro-4X with the Crew Cab has four full-size doors and room for up to five people—two



The Nissan Frontier, which combines premium hardware, extraordinary power and off-road athleticism, continues to be a leader in the mid-size truck segment.

in the buckets up front and three on the rear bench. The rear seat-back folds up to allow for hauling cargo inside the cab. We tried that successfully with some small furniture items and a flat-screen HD TV in a big box.

There are removable storage boxes beneath the rear seats, a locking dual glovebox, a small center console storage bin with 12-volt outlet and USB/Aux inputs, two big cupholders in the

center console, a device tray in front of the shifter and a phone slot to the left of the shifter, single bottle holders in each of the doors with separate storage, and other 12-volt outlets.

We did some mountain climbing with the Pro-4X—on- and off-road. We particularly enjoyed the Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control features when we were on some of the steepest grades, including my

## Q&A

### Don't get overcharged: Know your flat-rate repair times

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: I recently had my car repaired at a dealership. A service manager said it would take about an hour and a half, another service manager guessed two hours. After the job was started, I received a call saying the job would take 5-plus hours. I know repair costs are set by a flat-rate schedule, but is there any way a customer can find out what the rate would be for a specific job? Or are we just at the mercy of the service department?**

**A:** This is an excellent question. First off, if you've signed a work order with a specific estimate, the service agency must get your approval for any significant additional cost or work. The dealership did so in this case. Perhaps they found more damage or additional problems as the work progressed—not an uncommon situation.

The flat-rate service estimate is based on the repair task tak-

ing a specific amount of time to perform, as determined by the carmaker or service industry. In effect, this is a fixed price repair, meaning the agency and technician will be paid a fixed amount to do the work. If the tech can do the work in less than the allotted flat-rate time, he makes the same amount of money in a shorter period of time, effectively a higher hourly rate.

My only concern in your case is whether the additional time required was for the exact same repair that was originally estimated at 1½ to two hours. If so, you'd have a basis for complaint. But if the additional time was required for additional work, you would have had two choices: accept the additional cost or decline the repair.

Flat-rate repair times are available to consumers. You can ask the service agency what the flat rate is for a specific repair, check your local library for a current flat-rate manual or look up this information on-

line from a number of sources. Some of these offer a free trial period, while others require a subscription. Consider this effort to be your due diligence to protect yourself from being overcharged.

**Q: My 2003 Subaru Forester's check-engine light just came on at 189,000 miles. The oil and radiator checked out OK.**

**Is it necessary to pay for a full diagnostic, or can I just keep holding my breath? The repairman said at least 90 percent of the time it isn't serious. Last year I put in \$3,500 to stop engine oil leaks and eliminate noise from some part under the hood. They did the timing belt, etc., at same time.**

**A:** Unless the check-engine light is flashing, the issue is not catastrophic. But until you find out which fault triggered the light, you, me and your service technician can't be sure that the issue isn't serious.

Since 1996 every passenger

car sold in the U.S. is equipped with an OBDII (on-board diagnostic system, version II) that features self-diagnostic information that can identify more than 400 specific fault codes. So why "hold your breath"? As I have shared in this column a number of times before, many auto parts stores will "pull fault codes" from your car's diagnostic link at no cost to you. Of course, service agencies and dealerships do the same thing as a professional service that in some cases provides more precise, in-depth diagnostic information.

Since you've already spent a significant amount of money on recent repairs and maintenance, you should absolutely have a parts store, service agency or dealership plug a scan tool into the diagnostic link to identify any DTC (defect trouble codes) stored in the vehicle's computer systems. At least you'll know if it's serious or not, and can then make a rational decision on whether or not to fix the problem.

## NUTS & BOLTS

### 2015 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Crew Cab pickup

- The package: Midsize, four-door, V-6 powered, four-wheel-drive, five-passenger pickup truck.
- Highlights: Nissan's midsize pickup in the Pro-4X configuration includes a Crew Cab, short cargo bed, and lots of accessories for off-road exploring.
- Negatives: Five-speed automatic transmission is outdated; poor fuel economy with the V-6.
- Engine: 4.0-liter V-6.
- Transmission: Five-speed automatic.
- Power/torque: 261 HP/271 foot-pounds.
- Brakes, front/rear: Disc/disc, antilock.
- Electronic stability control: Standard.
- Air bags: Front; front seat-mounted; side-curtain both rows.
- Overall length: 205.5 inches.
- Curb weight: 4,551 pounds.
- Payload capacity: 1,049 pounds.
- Towing capacity: 6,100 pounds.
- Major competitors: Toyota Tacoma, Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon.
- Fuel capacity/type: 21.1 gallons/unleaded regular.
- EPA fuel economy: 15 city/21 highway/17 combined.
- Base price: \$32,560, plus \$860 freight.
- Price as tested: \$36,205, including freight and options (2015 Pro-4X with Luxury Package).
- On the Road rating: 9.2 (of a possible 10).
- Prices shown are manufacturer's suggested retail; actual selling price may vary.

own driveway at my lake house, which is steep and gravel/dirt covered. The four-wheel drive performed flawlessly on the steep and slippery slopes.

There was plenty of power from the V-6 engine both on the highway and on the trail, and the automatic transmission shifted smoothly. The ride was surprisingly comfortable, considering this vehicle has an off-road suspension and tires.

Inside, the cabin is well-appointed and comfortable, with the front seats not tiring at all on long highway drives. They were bolstered enough to keep us in our seats (along with the seatbelts, of course) on the trail.

On the Pro-4X, Nissan says all the important underbody components are above the frame rails and protected by skid plates. There is 8.9 inches of ground clearance.

Safety features include Zone Body construction with front and rear crumple zones, front seat-mounted side air bags, and roof-mounted side-curtain air bags with rollover sensor for front and rear. Tire-pressure monitoring and child-seat tethers are included.

Besides the Pro-4X Luxury Package, our vehicle had a three-piece floor mat set (\$135).

Total sticker price was \$36,205, including freight and options.



# Life & Style

## 3 Florida guys find a career playing video games

By TAMARA LUSH  
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**LAKELAND, Fla. (AP)**—From nine to five, seven days a week, Robert Schill plays video games while sitting on a plush, brown sofa in central Florida.

Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people watch. His web channel has more than 35 million hits in one year.

And Schill gets paid for it.

He's a shift worker, a laborer in a brave and strange new economy that rewards a Big Brother-like existence combined with entrepreneurial pluck.

Schill's not alone in this venture, not even in his own home. When the 26-year-old ginger-haired Schill finishes his shift, he unplugs his game controller and his roommate, 29-year-old Adam Young, sinks into the sofa and plays until 1 a.m. Then a third roommate, Brett Borden, 26, clocks in for his eight-hour shift.

They are the stars of StreamerHouse. They broadcast via Twitch.tv, an online network that attracts tens of millions of visitors, most of whom watch footage of other people playing video games.

StreamerHouse is set in a 1920s-era Mediterranean-revival home graced with 20 cameras, at least 15 computer screens and two bulldogs (Mister Pig and Baby Pig). It's part reality TV, part talk radio and part performance art. The trio play games, chat with fans and narrate their daily lives into an expensive microphone setup.

They make money from a cut of Twitch advertising, subscriptions, video game sales and from fan donations.

In October, one admirer from the Middle East gave StreamerHouse \$6,000.

StreamerHouse capitalizes on a cultural moment that demands engagement and intimacy with everyone from celebrities tweeting pictures of their newborns to friends and family posting Facebook photos of breakfast.

The StreamerHouse guys deliver with an intimate, non-stop show where they interact with fans in real time.

There's something genius about this.

"I live on the internet, man," joked Schill, known as "The Real Deal," and "Rober" online. His fans recently sent him a guitar and a memory foam mattress. Fans routinely send pizzas, candy and t-shirts. All three "streamers" admit their career prospects would be bleak outside the house. None have college degrees and all have been gaming since they were boys.

Twitch has more than 7,000 similar streamers in its affiliate program—which means the game players receive ad reve-

nue and can solicit donations—although StreamerHouse's 24/7 broadcast is unique.

There's an appetite to watch gamers. YouTube's most subscribed channel belongs to Felix Arvid Ulf Kjellberg, a Swede known online as PewDiePie. He is a video game commentator, much like the StreamerHouse guys, and has over 32 million subscribers.

"It has become a very substantial piece of the entertainment landscape," said Matthew Di Pietro, vice president of marketing at Twitch. "We've seen it explode."

And before you dismiss the appeal of watching a guy on a sofa shoot virtual zombies, consider this: people have been watching other people do stuff for millennia. Roman gladiators. Horse races. The Super Bowl.

"There's something enjoyable about watching someone overcome a challenge," said Austin Walker, a doctoral student at the University of Western Ontario who is studying the intersection between work and play.

"Gaming content production"—essentially, playing video games—is now a viable career.

"That's the dream we all have at 12 years old," said Walker. "It's a lot of hard work. A lot of preparation, behind the scenes, community issues. At a certain point, once it becomes something that can pay you, it also becomes a responsibility."

Top streamers can make six figures a year, said Di Pietro, while many earn only a few dollars a month. The StreamerHouse guys are reluctant to discuss their take, but say they've earned enough to cover monthly house expenses and not have debt from the tens of thousands of dollars of electronic equipment powering the live broadcasts. They also bought a new Jeep Liberty and had fans vote on their license plate. (It says "VIRGINS.")

StreamerHouse started as an idea between a group of friends, including Ryan Carmichael and Randy Borden. Both grew up in Lakeland in Central Florida and were interested in gaming and television. Carmichael, also known as "Tree," played video games live on Twitch's predecessor, Justin.tv. Borden owned a local community access television studio and the giant Mediterranean home.

Carmichael and Borden initially conceived of the project as a reality TV web series: what



In this Nov. 6, 2014 photo, the members of StreamerHouse, from left, Brett Borden, Adam Young and Robert Schill pose for a photo in their 1920s-era Mediterranean-revival home in Lakeland, Fla.

would happen if you put a few guys in a house, had them play video games nonstop and videotaped their antics? They offered the gig to three people: Brett Borden, Randy's longhaired cousin from upstate New York; Young, a former ATV aficionado who broke his neck while riding and came from Washington state with his two bulldogs; and Schill, a recovering agoraphobic from Pennsylvania. Only Young and Schill had streamed before; Borden loved video games and was hanging out and helping to get the house ready.

"It was more of a joke at the time," said Carmichael who lives in the home and acts as the house manager, public relations director, IT guy and fill-in gamer.

StreamerHouse went live in September of 2013. The main stream showed the game being played, while smaller windows on the screen showed live video of the on-duty gamer and footage from a handful of the other cameras in the home.

That turned out to be a bit too intimate. "We lost a lot of privacy," said Carmichael.

Now, they broadcast just the

game and the gamer. Only on special occasions—when there are visitors or when the roommates gave candy to hundreds of kids on Halloween—they fire up the cameras around the house. They also feature edited videos of their antics on their YouTube site; some non-gaming clips show them cooking, walking around their historic neighborhood and the time a fan sent \$2,100 in pizza and other food to the house. (That video received 70,000 views).

Two downstairs rooms are devoted to the stream. One has four desks holding 12 computer

screens. The main gaming server is nestled in the stone fireplace and cables snake along the walls. Here the roommates play games when they're not on the stream, interact with fans, check email and social media.

The other room is the studio, where the on-duty gamer sits for eight hour shifts in front of a laptop and two large TV screens. One controls the game, the other shows the Twitch chat feed.

The guys cleaned the house when an Associated Press crew visited recently, but forgot to for an earlier visit when it was casually littered with Mountain Dew cans, bags of candy, pizza on the kitchen counter and overflowing ash trays on the porch (there's no smoking inside and some of the guys are trying to switch to e-cigarettes).

The guys caution they are not "professional-level gamers."

"We're too old," said Young, who has an impish smile and goes by the online nickname of Inigo Montoya, the character from the movie 'Princess Bride.' "It's like martial arts. The younger you start doing it, the better you are."

Yet they have found their niche as entertainers with a talk radio schtick:—jokes about sex, food and farting are commonplace.

### In Celebration of Her New Life

## †ANGELINA SABLAN QUITUGUA

*Lovingly known as "Nan Ninang"*

Born To Life On September 06, 1936 • Called To Eternal Life On November 11, 2014

**In Her New Life, †Nan Ninang Will Be Welcomed At the Gates of Heaven by Her:**

**Mother:** †Consalacion Norita Sablan  
**Father:** †Juan Dela Cruz Quitugua  
**Step-Father:** †Peka Phillip  
**Brother:** †Florencio Sablan Quitugua  
**Sisters & Brothers-in-law:** †Faustina Sablan Quitugua & †Felipe Misuk Kapileo, †Anuncia Sablan Quitugua & †Miguel Miyasaki Babauta  
**Reared Daughter-in-law:** †Andresina S. Kapileo  
**Reared Grandchild:** †Theodore S. Kapileo  
**Nephews/Nieces:** †Remedio Q. Falig, †Louise I. Quitugua, †Derry Noisom, †Edward Richards, †Juan Q. Kapileo, †Antonio Q. Kapileo, †Cynthia Q. Kapileo, †Canice Q. Kapileo, †Singeru Techur, †Clarissa Q. Babauta

**Her Loving Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her:**

**Reared Children:** **Luis Quitugua/Pauline DLG. Kapileo** (Steven S. Kapileo & Janice S. Omar; Alvin S. & Angelica T. Kapileo & Children, Calvin S. Kapileo, Jaimelynn DLG. Kapileo & Christopher T. Palacios [Peter Francis, Nathan and Lorenza], Melvilynne DLG. Kapileo, Kolin Jon DLG. Kapileo & Rosezania Sablan Jack

**Maria Quitugua Babauta**  
**Jonathan Suda/Johanna D. Kapileo** (Melvin Jon, Erica Nathania and Peka Angelo)

**Sister-in-law:** Adela Ilisari Quitugua

**Immediate Nephews & Nieces and their families:**

**Ilisari-Quitugua**  
Mariano M. Falig & Children  
Carmen Q. Brown & Children  
Sofina Q./Jesus Tomokane & Children  
Matilde I. Quitugua & Children  
Alicia I. Quitugua & Children  
Louise I. Quitugua & Children  
Virginia Q. Richards & Children  
Teresita Q. Phillip & Children  
Jose I. Quitugua & Children  
Mercedes Q./Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero & Children  
Juan I. Quitugua & Children  
Diana Q./Guy Gabaldon & Children  
Lydia I. Quitugua & Children

**Quitugua-Kapileo**  
Julita Suda Kapileo & Children  
Dionicia K. Techur & Children  
Veronica T. Kapileo & Children  
Jacinta Q. Kapileo & Children  
Anna Q. Kapileo  
Ignacia K./Ferdous Bhuiyan & Children  
Felipe Q./Esther K. Kapileo & Children  
Jesus Q. Kapileo  
Joseph Q./Teresa P. Kapileo & Children  
Fabian Nick Q./Ursula A. Kapileo & Children

**Quitugua-Babauta**  
Pedro Q./Lorraine A. Babauta & Children  
Juan Q./Susan R. Babauta & Children  
Cynthia Q. Babauta  
George Q./Cyndi Babauta & Children  
Priscilla B./Larry Stillweugh  
Fred Q. Babauta  
Henry Q. Babauta  
Eddie Q./Tracy Babauta  
Florencio Q./Susana G. Babauta

*She will also be missed by numerous nephews, nieces, godchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.*

Rosary is being said nightly at 7:00 p.m. at the Nuestra Senora Bithen Delos Remedios Church in Tanapag.

On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. she will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel to the Nuestra Senora Bithen Delos Remedios Church for viewing.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Services at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers, words of comfort and presence are sincerely appreciated.

**The Family**



# Jennifer Lawrence: Privacy loss takes heavy toll

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Jennifer Lawrence says she knew being a movie star would bring with it a certain loss of privacy. What she didn't know, she says, was the deep emotional and even physical toll it would take.

"I knew the paparazzi were going to be a reality in my life," the 24-year-old Oscar winner said in an interview Saturday. "But I didn't know that I would feel anxiety every time I open my front door, or that being chased by 10 men you don't know, or being surrounded, feels invasive and makes me feel scared and gets my adrenaline going every day."

Lawrence was recently in the news when private nude photos of her and other celebrities were hacked, then posted online. She took the forceful position then that the hacking was not a scandal but "a sex crime."

The actress spoke to the AP Saturday while promoting "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay: Part 1," the third installment of the blockbuster franchise that catapulted her to stardom.

"You can say, 'This (invasion of privacy) is part of my job and this is going to be a reality of my life,'" Lawrence said, "but what you don't expect is how your body and how your emotions are going to react to it."

And yet, she added with her typical candor, the general public isn't very sympathetic to such celebrity complaints: "Nobody wants to help us because it



Co-starring in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1" from left, actors Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson pose for a portrait on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, in New York.

seems like, you know, 'Shut up, millionaires!'"

Sitting alongside her co-stars Josh Hutcherson and Liam

Hemsworth, Lawrence told the AP that although she adores her job, "There are some things that I couldn't really prepare for."

## Lawyer: Cosby won't address 'decade-old' claims

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Bill Cosby will not dignify "decade-old, discredited" claims of sexual abuse with a response, his attorney said Sunday, the first comment from the famed comedian's lawyer on an increasing uproar over allegations that he assaulted several women in the past.

In a statement released to The Associated Press and posted online, lawyer John P. Schmitt said the fact that the allegations are being repeated "does not make them true."

"He would like to thank all his fans for the outpouring of support and assure them that, at age 77, he is doing his best work," Schmitt said.

The renewed attention to a dark chapter for Cosby began last month when a comedian, Hannibal Buress, assailed him during a stand-up performance in Philadelphia, Cosby's hometown, calling him a "rapist." His remarks were captured on video and posted online, gaining wide exposure.

It was harsh criticism of the veteran entertainer known equally for his charming stand-up comedy, ethnically groundbreaking 1984-92 NBC TV sitcom "The Cosby Show" and demands for personal responsi-

bility directed at fellow African-Americans.

Adding to the growing firestorm: One of Cosby's accusers, Barbara Bowman, leveled allegations of sexual assault against him in interviews and in an online column for the Washington Post. Bowman wrote that in 1985, she was 17 and an aspiring actress when Cosby "brainwashed me into viewing him as a father figure, and then assaulted me multiple times."

Cosby, who was never criminally charged in any case, settled a civil suit in 2006 with another woman over an alleged incident two years before.

He stonewalled National Public Radio host Scott Simon during an interview aired this weekend with Cosby and his wife, Camille, about their African-American art collection. Cosby fell silent when asked by Simon about "serious allegations raised about you in recent days," which prompted the host to say, "You're shaking your head, no. ... Do you have any response to those charges? Shaking your head, no."

Cosby also declined comment when asked by the AP about the allegations last week in Wash-

ington, where the Smithsonian Institution was opening an exhibit on the collection.

Cosby postponed indefinitely an AP interview scheduled for this week. It had been intended to discuss an upcoming Netflix project.

Whether the latest scrutiny will substantially affect his still-active career has yet to be seen. An appearance on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman" was canceled, and another engagement, on "The Queen Latifah Show" on Oct. 30, was characterized by that show as a postponement granted at Cosby's request.

He has standup performances scheduled, including one Sunday night in Erie, Pennsylvania, and a special premiering Nov. 28 for Netflix. Cosby has been in talks with NBC for a new family sitcom, featuring Cosby as the patriarch. No air date has been announced.

He has kept to his busy concert schedule despite the furor, with shows last week in Madison and La Crosse, Wisconsin; Rosemont, Illinois, in the Chicago area on Saturday, and Carnegie Hall in New York on Nov. 8.

An email request Sunday to Netflix on the status of its project with Cosby did not receive an immediate response. NBC declined comment.

## 'Dumb and Dumber To' tops box office with \$38.1M

**NEW YORK (AP)**—At the movies, idiocy never goes out of style.

Twenty years after the 1994 original, "Dumb and Dumber To" opened with \$38.1 million at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Universal sequel debuted almost exactly two decades after the Farrelly brothers first introduced the Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels low-IQ duo.

"Dumb and Dumber To" edged out the animated Disney adventure "Big Hero 6," which took in \$36 million in its second week. Christopher Nolan's sci-fi epic "Interstellar" slid to third in its second week with an estimated \$29.2 million. The film continues to blast off overseas, where it took in \$106 million over the weekend, with sales particularly boosted by a strong opening in China.

The top three films took up the lion share of the box office, with the no. 4 film, the romance "Beyond the Lights," opening with a distant \$6.5 million.

As an example, she described checking into a hotel and opening the window to discover "a team of paparazzi outside that are shooting up into my hotel room. And we can't ask them to move because they're on public property. And they can photograph me because I'm a public person or can chase me because I'm a public person."

"If these laws are going to be in place to protect the press and to protect the paparazzi and to protect the news," she said, "then new measures need to be made, because this is an entirely new phenomenon. This didn't exist 200 years ago."

"And my belief, and it's something I am going to work very hard on changing and I hope it changes before I die, is to make it illegal to buy, post or shop a photo that's been obtained illegally," she said. "I have photographers that jump my fence ... if somebody jumps my fence and takes a picture through my window of me naked, that's illegal, but the photos can still be everywhere (online) the next day, and that makes no sense!"

Lawrence told Vanity Fair not long after the hacking episode, in which the photos were posted on various websites, that even those who looked at the photos online were perpetuating what

she called the sex crime.

Calls for more policing of the Internet have clashed with concerns that such actions could mute its role as a megaphone for exposing abuses in government and elsewhere.

A "safe harbor" clause in the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act absolves websites of legal liability for most content posted on their services. The law, known as the DMCA, requires websites and other Internet service providers to remove a piece of content believed to be infringing on a copyright after being notified of a violation by the copyright owner.

Though some websites pulled the naked photos of Lawrence and others, it didn't happen quickly enough to prevent people from making their own copies on personal devices.

Lawrence's co-stars echoed her concerns.

"They say, well, this is part of it, you should have known—but you can't know. You don't know how hard it is to lose your anonymity until it's gone," noted Hutcherson, 22, who plays Peeta Mellark to Lawrence's Katniss Everdeen.

Added Hemsworth, 24, who plays Gale Hawthorne: "There's really no right reason for that (kind of thing) to be allowed."

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4. **"Beyond the Lights,"** \$6.5 million.
5. **"Gone Girl,"** \$4.6 million (\$4.8 million international).
6. **"St. Vincent,"** \$4 million.
7. **"Fury,"** \$3.8 million (\$3.1 million international).
8. **"Nightcrawler,"** \$3 million (\$1.4 million international).
9. **"Ouija,"** \$3 million (\$3.3 million international).
10. **"Birdman,"** \$2.5 million.

casting of Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels really made a difference," he added.

Most delayed sequels—"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," "Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull"—depend on the addition of a new, younger star like Shia LaBeouf. The closest comparison to "Dumb and Dumber To" might be 1998's "Blues Brothers 2000," made 18 years after the original. But

with John Goodman stepping in for John Belushi, it opened with just \$6.1 million.

Staying power is rare in comedy, where chemistry is especially difficult to regain. But "Dumb and Dumber To" gave moviegoers a chance to see Carrey back in his old, physically comedic form. It's his best live-action debut since 2003's "Bruce Almighty."

The project, though, took years to get off the ground and was independently produced by Red Granite Pictures before Universal signed on to distribute. Made for about \$40 million, "Dumb and Dumber To" catches up with Lloyd and Harry in middle age.

"There was the battle of 'That was then, this is now,' and, 'It's not going to work.' All those guys keep their job by saying no," Daniels said in an earlier interview. "But we kept going, 'How can this miss?' Jim and I would look at each other and say, 'This is a no-brainer'—so to speak."

The weekend gave Disney a new milestone. The studio passed \$4 billion worldwide for the second year in a row, buoyed by in-house hits "Frozen" and "Maleficent," and Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "Captain America: Winter Soldier."

Next weekend will be dominated by the release of Lionsgate's "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1."



# Amateurs learning how to clown around for parade

**NEW YORK (AP)**—If you're going to be a clown in the Thanksgiving Day Parade, you can't just go out there and fool around. There are rules.

No smoking or drinking while in costume. No sitting on the floats. No accosting the celebrities.

At a one-day training session Saturday—called “Clown U.”—about 300 Macy's employees and other clown wannabes were repeatedly warned not to do “anything that might show up on David Letterman's outtakes.”

But once they had taken a good-behavior oath—and survived a chaotic mass warm-up—it was fun times for the amateurs as professional clowns from the Big Apple Circus and veteran Macy's promenaders rehearsed them in basic parade routines and forwarded tips like “conserve your confetti,” “wear layers” and “go to the bathroom before you put your costume on.”

The schooling took place at the circus' big top at Lincoln Center and several adjacent tents left over from Fashion Week.

The trainees will be among nearly 1,000 volunteer clowns



Malt Shop clown Sharmaine Harrison, a Macy's buyer, works with Big Apple Circus clown Peety backstage, other volunteers, other Macy's employees and Big Apple Circus clowns at the Big Apple Circus, in New York's Lincoln Center, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014.

in the parade. They'll be divided into Keystone Kops, billiard balls, wooden soldiers and 25 more teams, each costumed appropriately and assigned to a balloon or float.

For example, clowns dressed as cupcakes will be with the Pillsbury Doughboy balloon.

Sailor clowns accompany SpongeBob SquarePants.

The cupcakes' captain, Susan Mazursky of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, who was dressed as a cherry pie, is a vice president of strategic planning for Macy's and is headed for her 23rd parade. She once was

costumed as a stick of butter, she said.

“It's unbelievably rewarding,” Mazursky said. “Only the clowns, really, get to interact with the people who are watching the parade. Everybody else is just marching straight ahead but we get to go over and say

‘Hi’ and ‘Happy Thanksgiving’ to the kids, lead people in a cheer.”

Bill Schermerhorn, creative director of the parade, said that when children get a visit from a clown, “they'll remember that day and that moment for the rest of their lives.”

Les Kule of Wantagh, dressed up as a clown reporter for the “Funday Times,” with oversize

## Solange Knowles weds video director

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Solange Knowles is known for her fashion as much as her music, and her weekend wedding didn't disappoint.

Her publicist confirmed Sunday that the 28-year-old singer (and sister of Beyoncé) wed 51-year-old video director Alan Ferguson over the weekend.

The bride and groom both wore ivory, a color also worn by key attendees, including the bride's mother, Tina; brother-in-law Jay Z and niece



Knowles

Blue Ivy.

This is the second marriage for Knowles, who has a 10-year-old son, Daniel. She told Vogue that the nuptials, in New Orleans, were a labor of love.

Knowles made headlines earlier this year when leaked video footage showed her attacking Jay-Z, with Beyoncé standing nearby. The trio told The Associated Press in a statement the incident was “unfortunate” but they stressed they loved each other.

## Bono hurts arm in NYC cycling accident

**NEW YORK (AP)**—U2 frontman Bono has injured his arm while riding a bicycle in New York City.

A posting on the band's website Sunday says Bono “injured his arm in a cycling spill in Central Park” and will require surgery to repair it.

The posting by guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen did not say when or how the accident happened.



Bono

The bandmates also said they'll have to reschedule their planned weeklong appearance on NBC's “Tonight Show” with Jimmy Fallon.

An NBC spokesperson confirmed that U2, which had been booked to appear every day this week, had pulled out due to the accident.

Just last week, German authorities said Bono's private plane lost a hatch as it was coming in for a landing at Berlin's airport.

## Actor Patrick Dempsey honored for cancer care

**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)**—Maine-born actor Patrick Dempsey returned home to accept an award for his work helping cancer patients.

Dempsey—most famous for his role as Dr. Derek Shepherd in the TV series “Grey's Anatomy”—and the Jackson Laboratory were awarded the Maine Creative Industries Award on Saturday in Portland.

Forty-eight-year-old Dempsey was inspired by his mother's battle with ovarian

press card and camera, will be in the parade for the 19th time. He's not a Macy's employee but his sister, Amy Kuhl, is the parade's executive director.

“It's just pure fun, going up to the kids,” he said. “The smile stays on my face for days.”

“You do have to be careful how you approach the youngest kids,” he cautioned. “You don't want crying, just laughing.”

Most of the circus clowns are veterans of its Clown Care program, which sends clowns to children in hospitals. Circus spokesman Philip Thurston said, “Our specialty is engaging with audiences one-on-one.”

Angel Chacon, of Manhattan, who works at the Chanel perfume counter at Macy's, learned he would be a “sleepy clown” in his first parade.

“I think it will be a fun experience,” he said. “It's nice to make people happy.”

Carmine Rotondo of Garden City came in for the clown college even though he's done eight parades already.

“You act one-on-one with the kids,” he said. “I saw a little girl, she was sulking and I asked her why and she said ‘Everybody's throwing confetti at me.’ So I gave her some of my confetti and I said, ‘Next time, you get them back.’ And her face just lit up.”

cancer to help found the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. His mother, Amanda Dempsey, died in March. The Jackson Lab is a genetics research facility in Bar Harbor.

The award is given by the nonprofit Maine Center for Creativity, which said both recipients were honored for their “visionary thinking and persistence in helping cancer patients” in the state.

## Widow with younger lover is uneasy about their future

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a widow who has fallen in love with a wonderful man who is almost 30 years my junior. He proclaims his love for me every day, and I know it's real. I have been warned by others to be aware of “devious males on the make for comfortably situated widows.” After discussing it with the man, I have determined this is not his motive.

Right now, we're good friends who love each other's company. If marriage is in the future for us, I'm afraid of the age factor. He is not. Could you comment and give me some guidance?

CAUTIOUS IN KANSAS

**DEAR CAUTIOUS:** Everyone knows there are devious males—and females—out there, but not all men are predators. If your friend is financially independent, then it's unlikely he's looking for a sugar mama. While it is unusual, I know several couples in which the wife is considerably older than the husband, and they seem very happy together.

If and when you plan to marry, it makes sense to discuss this with your attorney and have a prenuptial agreement created. If your friend has no ulterior motives, he will understand it's for the protection of both of you and sign it. You have only one life to live—so live it without worrying about what others may think.

**DEAR ABBY:** I just opened my social media account and saw a friend had posted her daughter's report card—all A's. She then

went on to say how proud she was of her because she is also co-captain of her school's volleyball team, and mentoring other students, etc. You get the picture.

My son is suffering from depression and social anxiety, and we are fighting to keep him from failing all his classes. He's going to therapy and is on medication.

Abby, isn't it in poor taste to publicly show your child's report card? My son used to get straight A's before his depression, and I would have never posted his grades. Now I am becoming resentful of friends whose kids are doing well. What advice can you give me besides not opening up my social media account again?

BAD FEELINGS

**DEAR BAD FEELINGS:** I hope you realize that what this friend is doing is the same as parents who plaster bumper stickers on their vehicles that read “MY CHILD IS AN HONOR STUDENT.” If this woman's posts upset you because of the challenges your son is dealing with, customize your social media feed to omit posts from her. That way you won't have to cut yourself off from social media entirely.

**DEAR ABBY:** Have you ever—out of the blue—thought of someone you hadn't seen, heard from or thought of in a long time, and later discovered they died around that time? This has happened to me more times than I can count. No one I have spoken

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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with—friends or family—has experienced this. Have you ever heard of this phenomenon, and is there a name for it?

MISS J. IN OKLAHOMA

**DEAR MISS J.:** I have never had that experience, but I have heard of the phenomenon. It's called either ESP or coincidence, depending upon which psychic plane you dwell. However, I HAVE had friends “pop into my head” and thought I should give them a call, only to hear from them a few days later.

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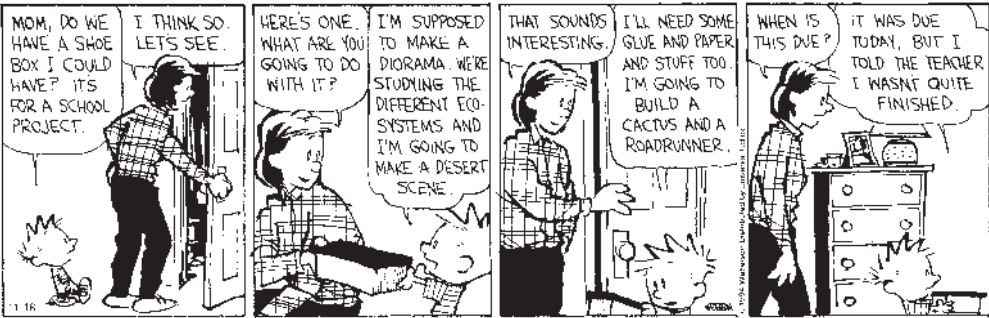


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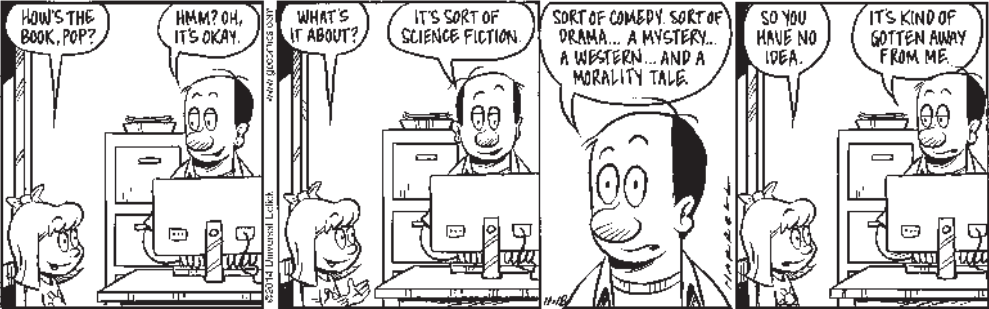
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 11-18

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Allyson Felix, 29; Denny Hamlin, 34; Chloe Sevigny, 40; Owen Wilson, 46.

Happy Birthday: Be careful not to overload your plate. Excess will be your downfall. Focus on what's truly important to you, and you will maneuver your way through the year. Try to get more rewards for your efforts. It's all about believing in yourself and following through instead of just talking. Call the shots and make your dreams come true. Your numbers are 4, 10, 14, 21, 28, 33, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid getting into an argument. If you don't have the answer or you can't bring yourself to make a decision, remove yourself from the situation and re-evaluate the outcomes you are faced with. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do what you love the most. Make a point to get out with people you find interesting or who have something to offer you. Altering your outlook will encourage professional advancement. Learn something new or pick up helpful skills. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've got the right idea, so figure out how to implement the information you have in an orderly but unique manner. Don't let uncertainty in your personal life cost you. Take care of business, regardless of what's going on around you. \*\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep a cool head and a diplomatic approach. What you do at work will make a big-

ger impact on your future than how you deal with personal matters. Don't let the complaints regarding your work hours slow down your progress. \*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Say what's on your mind. You need a little excitement in your life. Follow a new path, learn, form alliances and expand your creative dream. Express your feelings, concerns and plans for the future. Love is on the rise. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a chance and do things a little differently. Look at the facts and add your unique touch to stylize the way you intend to move ahead. Bring any concerns you have out in the open and disclose your plans. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let others see your vulnerability. Keeping your beliefs and concerns a secret will allow you to find out what everyone else thinks before you commit to anything that entails working with others. An argument will result in an unexpected change. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out destinations that intrigue you or courses that can help you develop greater insight into an unusual interest. Don't get sidetracked by someone using emotional tactics to get you to spend money or make a contribution. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make personal changes that will help you get ahead professionally. Put your reputation on the line and gather as much knowledge as you can to help support your ideas, plans

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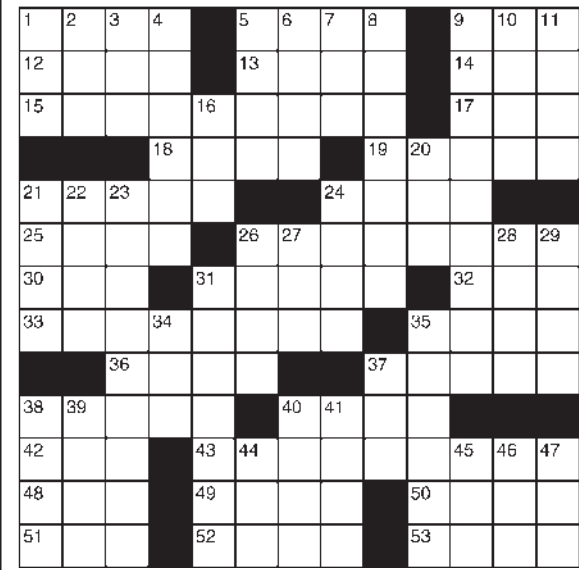
and concerns. Love is highlighted, and romance will help improve your personal life. \*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Speak up, but don't act out emotionally. You have to have your strategy in place and your information accurate. Knowing exactly what you want will help you avoid being coerced into an emotional battle. \*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You know what you want, but trying to get it will be difficult. Use reverse psychology to improve your chances of closing a deal or getting someone to agree with your plans. Romance is in the stars. Plan a celebration with someone special. \*\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Go over important papers and any plans you have to contribute to something you feel is worthwhile. Sending out a positive message will help you reconnect with people you've worked with in the past. \*\*\*

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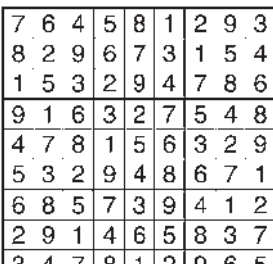
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THEODORA PALACIOS CAMACHO, Deceased.

Civil Action No. 14-0181

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Date: Dec. 9, 2014  
Time: 1:30 PM  
Judge: David A. Wiseman

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE THEODORA PALACIOS CAMACHO OR HER ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mary Margaret P. Camacho, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Theodora Palacios Camacho, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition by Mary Margaret P. Camacho, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on December 9, 2014 at 1:30pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

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# Rams stun Manning, Broncos in 22-7 win



ST. LOUIS (AP)

—Shaun Hill was effective in his first start since regaining the quarterback job and the St. Louis Rams defense made life miserable for Peyton Manning in a 22-7 victory over the AFC West-leading Denver Broncos on Sunday.

Rookie Tre Mason had 29 carries for 113 yards, the most allowed by the Broncos' top-ranked run defense.

Kenny Britt had four catches for 128 yards with a 63-yard score and Greg Zuerlein was a career-best 5 for 5 on field goals for the Rams (4-6).

Manning was 34 for 54 for 389 yards with two interceptions, but was held to a 42-yard touchdown pass to Emmanuel Sanders, ending a streak of 15 consecutive games with at least two touchdown passes.

The Broncos (7-3) were held to 28 yards rushing and failed twice on fourth down deep in St. Louis territory.

Manning threw incomplete from the 37 in the first quarter and rookie Aaron Donald's sack helped end a drive in the fourth quarter on fourth-and-4 from the 28.

## Patriots 42, Colts 20

In Indianapolis, Jonas Gray rushed for 199 yards and a franchise-record four touchdowns in his fourth career game.

Tom Brady threw two TD passes as the AFC-best Patriots (8-2) earned their sixth consecutive victory. New England also has won five in a row against Indianapolis (6-4).

Brady finished 19 of 30 for 257 yards with two interceptions.

Colts quarterback Andrew Luck was 23 of 39 for 303 yards with two scores. He extended his franchise record of consecutive 300-yard games to eight and moved within one of Drew Brees' NFL record.

## Chiefs 24, Seahawks 20

In Kansas, Kansas City stopped Seattle on fourth down three times late in the fourth quarter, holding on for a tense victory in a matchup of playoff contenders.

Jamaal Charles ran for 159 yards and two touchdowns, and Knile Davis also ran for a score, as the Chiefs (7-3) won their fifth straight game and moved into a share of top spot in the AFC West.

Russell Wilson threw for 178 yards and two touchdowns, and Marshawn Lynch had 124 yards rushing for Seattle (6-4). But the Seahawks' star running back, fresh off a four-touchdown game, was stuffed twice by the Kansas City defense with the outcome hanging in the balance.

The Seahawks' last-chance drive ended when Wilson threw



incomplete on fourth-and-18 at their 20-yard line with 1:13 left in the game.

## Texans 23, Browns 7

In Cleveland, J.J. Watt caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Mallett, dominated on defense and Houston climbed back to .500 with a win over Cleveland.

Watt was all over the field. Along with his TD, he recorded a strip sack, made five tackles — three for a loss — recovered a fumble and hurried Browns quarterback Brian Hoyer into several bad throws. Watt provided more proof he's the NFL's best defensive player.

Mallett threw a pair of TD passes and finished with 211 yards in his first career start. The four-year veteran was promoted during the bye week after the Texans (5-5) benched Ryan Fitzpatrick.

## Packers 53, Eagles 20

In Green Bay, Aaron Rodgers passed for 341 yards and three touchdowns and Green Bay's defense stuffed high-octane Philadelphia for a rout.

The matchup of NFC contenders quickly became a blowout with the Packers (7-3) racing out to a 30-6 halftime lead. Rodgers threw for two touchdowns in the first half, while Micah Hyde scored on a 75-yard punt return.

Philadelphia (7-3) was held to 11 points below its NFC-leading scoring average by a Packers defense rejuvenated since Clay Matthews moved to inside linebacker.

## Cardinals 14, Lions 6

In Glendale, Drew Stanton threw touchdown passes to Michael Floyd on Arizona's first two possessions and the Cardinals held Detroit without a touchdown, beating the Lions

in a matchup of teams with two of the best records in the NFC.

Stanton, starting after Carson Palmer was lost for the season with a knee injury, threw TD passes of 42 and 12 yards. After that, Arizona's offense stalled and Stanton threw two interceptions. But the Lions couldn't convert either turnover into a touchdown.

Arizona won its sixth in a row to improve to an NFL-best 9-1. The Cardinals, with their best record through 10 games since 1948, have a three-game lead over Seattle and San Francisco in the NFC West.

## 49ers 16, Giants 10

In East Rutherford, San Francisco rookie linebacker Chris Borland intercepted a fourth-down pass by Eli Manning at the 49ers 2 with 4:43 to play, capping a

goal-line stand in a victory that sent error-plagued New York to its fifth straight loss.

Borland had two of the 49ers' five interceptions as the Niners (6-4) survived a game in which a big advantage in time of possession and takeaways did not translate into a blowout on the scoreboard.

Colin Kaepernick threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree and Phil Dawson kicked three first-half field goals as the 49ers won their second straight on the road.

## Bengals 27, Saints 10

In New Orleans, Andy Dalton rebounded from one of the worst outings of his career by passing for three touchdowns as Cincinnati handed New Orleans its second straight loss.

New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham (13) breaks a tackle during the first half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J.

AP

stood a late Carolina rally.

Carolina's Graham Gano missed a 46-yard field goal try with 1:27 remaining and had a 63-yarder blocked as time expired.

## Chargers 13, Raiders 6

In San Diego, Philip Rivers threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Malcom Floyd on the game's third play from scrimmage, and San Diego held on for a lackluster victory against winless Oakland, extending the Raiders' losing streak to 16.

Rivers hurt his right leg midway through the third quarter but stayed in the game. The injury appeared to get progressively worse, and Rivers was walking gingerly on the sideline in the fourth as backup Kellen Clemens warmed up. But Rivers went back in after Sebastian Janikowski kicked a 25-yard field goal to pull the Raiders within a touchdown with four minutes to play.

## Buccaneers 27, Washington 7

In Landover, Mike Evans caught seven passes for 209 yards and scored two touchdowns to help Tampa Bay (2-8) end a five-game losing streak.

Evans became the first rookie to post three consecutive 100-yard games with at least one touchdown in each since Randy Moss in 1998. According to STATS, he's also the first rookie with 200 yards receiving and two touchdowns since Anquan Boldin in 2003. Evans finished 7 yards shy of Vincent Jackson's franchise record of 216.

Evans is the youngest player in NFL history with a 200-yard receiving game. It was his third consecutive game with at least seven catches, 100 yards receiving and a touchdown catch.

## SIDEBAR

# DEA agents raid NFL medical staffs after games

Federal drug enforcement agents showed up unannounced Sunday to check at least three visiting NFL teams' medical staffs as part of an investigation into former players' claims that teams mishandled prescription drugs.

There were no arrests, Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Rusty Payne said Sunday. The San Francisco 49ers' staff was checked at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, after they played the New York Giants. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' staff was checked at Baltimore-Washington International airport after playing the Redskins. The Seattle Seahawks, who played at Kansas City, confirmed via the team's Twitter account that they were spot-checked as well.

The operation was still ongoing, and other teams may be checked later Sunday, Payne said.

"DEA agents are currently interviewing NFL team doctors in several locations as part of an ongoing investigation into potential violations of the (Controlled Substances Act)," Payne said.

The spot checks were done by investigators from the federal DEA. They did not target specific teams, but were done to measure whether visiting NFL clubs were generally in compliance with federal law. Agents requested documentation from visiting teams' medical staffs for any controlled substances in their possession, and for proof that doctors could practice medicine in the home team's state.

"Our teams cooperated with the DEA today and we have no information to indicate that irregularities were found," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an email.

The nationwide probe is being directed by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York - where the NFL is headquartered - but involves several U.S. attorney's offices.

The investigation was sparked by a lawsuit filed in May on behalf of former NFL players going back to 1968. The number of plaintiffs has grown to more than 1,200, including dozens who played as recently as 2012. Any violations of federal drug laws from 2009 forward could also become the subject of a criminal investigation because they

would not be subject to the five-year statute of limitations.

"This is an unprecedented raid on a professional sports league," said Steve Silverman, one of the attorneys for the former players. "I trust the evidence reviewed and validated leading up to this action was substantial and compelling."

Federal prosecutors have conducted interviews in at least three cities over the past three weeks, spending two days in Los Angeles in late October meeting with a half-dozen former players - including at least two who were named plaintiffs in the painkillers lawsuit, according to multiple people with direct knowledge of the meetings who spoke on the condition of anonymity because prosecutors told them not to comment on the meetings.



# Warriors rip Lakers despite Kobe's 44



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Stephen Curry had 30 points and 15 assists, Marreese Speights added 24 points, and the Golden State Warriors cruised past the Los Angeles Lakers 136-115 Sunday night despite 44 points by Kobe Bryant.

Andrew Bogut had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacific Division-leading Warriors, who are off to an 8-2 start under new coach Steve Kerr. Klay Thompson, who had 41 points in a win against the Lakers on Nov. 1, finished with 18 in the rematch. All of Golden State's starters scored in double figures for the second straight game.

Bryant, who sat out the fourth quarter with Los Angeles down by 36 points, was 15 for 34 from the field in 31 minutes — two nights after he played sick against the Phoenix Suns and missed his first 10 shots before finishing 1 for 14 with nine points.

Jordan Hill had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, off to a franchise-worst 1-9 start.

Four players scored in double digits in the first half for Golden State en route to a 74-55 lead, including Speights with a team-high 16.

The Warriors opened the game with a 15-6 run and increased the margin to 19 on a 3-pointer by Andre Iguodala with 2:49 left in the first quarter. Bryant was struck in face by Draymond Green while trying to pass the ball with 5:22 left in the half, and lay on the floor for several anxious moments while he was attended to by trainer Gary Vitti.

The Lakers got no closer than 14 after that. Bryant hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 64-50 with 2:04 left in the



second quarter, but Curry responded with a driving layup and a 3-pointer 20 seconds apart.

The Warriors have won three consecutive games against the Lakers for the first time since taking six in a row from November 1993 through November 1994. It was the first time they beat the Lakers on the road in consecutive seasons since the 1982-83 and 1983-84 campaigns.

## Rockets 69, Thunder 65

In Oklahoma City, James Harden scored 19 points, helping the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 69-65 on Sunday night for their third consecutive victory.

Dwight Howard had 12 points and nine rebounds for Houston, and Patrick Bever-

ley added 12 points and eight boards.

The last time a team won with 69 or fewer points was Detroit's 64-62 victory over Utah on March 13, 2005, according to STATS. Both teams shot below 30 percent from the field — the last time that happened was Oct. 29, 2003, when Denver beat San Antonio 80-72.

Houston shot just 28.8 percent. The last time an NBA team won with a lower percentage was on Feb. 19, 2000, when Chicago shot 28.6 percent and beat the Los Angeles Clippers 74-72.

Reggie Jackson had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Thunder. Lance Thomas also had 15 points.

"That game will not go in the NBA Hall of Fame," Rock-

ets coach Kevin McHale said.

Houston escaped, and now, the Rockets travel to Memphis for a matchup of 9-1 teams that share the NBA's best record.

"Same kind of game, probably," Harden said. "A slow, grinding game, and we just need to rebuild our mental toughness, so it's going to be another great challenge for us."

With the score tied at 65, Harden hit a 3-pointer with Jeremy Lamb in his face with 1:19 to play. With Rockets still leading 68-65, Harden missed another contested 3 against Lamb, giving the Thunder a chance to tie.

Oklahoma City's Reggie Jackson missed a deep 3-pointer, and Harden made one of two free throws with 4.7 seconds left to put the game away.

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## Bucks 91, Heat 84

In Miami, Brandon Knight looked right at home.

Makes sense, considering he was born in Miami.

Knight made three 3-pointers in the final 3 minutes to cap his 20-point effort, and the Milwaukee Bucks downed the slumping Heat 91-84 on Sun-

day night.  
"We want to continue to build off it," Knight said.  
Jabari Parker added 13 points for the Bucks (5-5), who started 5-21 last season. Larry Sanders, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Zaza Pachulia each scored 11.

Milwaukee beat Miami for the first time in the teams' last 10 meetings, including playoffs.

Mario Chalmers scored 18 for Miami (5-5), which was again without Dwyane Wade and lost its third straight. Shawne Williams had 13 points for the Heat, who got 11 from Norris Cole and 10 apiece from Luol Deng, Chris Bosh and Shabazz Napier.

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## Knicks 109, Nuggets 93

In New York, the Knicks held the Nuggets to one basket in the second quarter and ended a seven-game losing streak.

With the game tied at 31 entering the period, the Knicks outscored the Nuggets 31-8. Ty Lawson's layup at the buzzer was the lone field goal for Denver in the second.

Carmelo Anthony and J.R. Smith each scored 28 points for New York.

Arron Afflalo had 18 points and Lawson added 17 points and nine assists for the Nuggets, who have dropped seven of their last eight games.

## Morneau leads MLB All-Stars to 1st win in Japan



**TOKYO** (AP)—Justin Morneau hit a three-run homer and Chris Capuano pitched five strong innings Sunday as the MLB All-Stars beat Japan 6-1 for the first win of their five-game postseason tour.

Morneau, the National League batting champion, drove a pitch from Japan starter Shintaro Fujinami over the wall in right to give his team a 4-1 lead in the third. It was the second homer of the series for Morneau, who also connected for a two-run homer in Game 2.

The win provided welcome relief for an MLB team that was no-hit by four Japanese pitchers in a 4-0 loss on Saturday.

"After getting no-hit yesterday, wanted to come out swinging the bats and we did," Morneau said. "We wanted to come here and

represent MLB well. Unfortunately, we didn't do that in the first three games but I think we've gotten better."

Evan Longoria added to the lead with a solo homer off Japan reliever Minoru Iwata in the sixth.

After losing the first three games of the series and scoring only four runs, the MLB bats came to life in the first inning. Yasiel Puig doubled on a line drive to left and scored on Morneau's double to right.

The MLB All-Stars added a run in the eighth when Chris Carter scored from third on Eduardo Nunez's groundout to second.

Jose Altuve singled to right off Fujinami and Puig doubled to left in the second to set the stage for Morneau's blast that gave the MLB team all the momentum they needed.

"The top third of our lineup did an outstanding job," MLB

manager John Farrell said. "I think eight out of our 10 hits came from Jose, Yasiel and Justin so that was a big part of our win."

Capuano picked up the win after holding Japan to one run on four hits while striking out four. Fujinami gave up four runs on five hits over four innings to take the loss.

"We dropped the first three games but we have a lot of pride and wanted to bounce back tonight," Capuano said. "The Japanese hitters are very good so I was doing my best to keep them off balance and pitch smart."

Japan's only run came in the second inning when Nobuhiro Matsuda doubled off Capuano and scored on Yoshitomo Tsutsugo's double to center.

Japanese pitching sensation Shohei Otani will take the mound in Game 5 before his home fans at Sapporo Dome. Matt Shoemaker will start for the MLB team.

## SIDEBAR

### Gay gets 3-year, \$40M extension from Kings

**SACRAMENTO** (AP)—The Sacramento Kings and forward Rudy Gay have agreed to a \$40 million, three-year contract extension that runs through the 2017-18 season, a person with knowledge of the deal said Sunday.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team had not made an official announcement. The extension includes a player option for the final year of the deal.

Yahoo Sports first reported the agreement.

The opt-out clause gives Gay flexibility to become a free agent in two years, when the NBA's salary cap is expected to increase under the league's luxury new TV deal.

Gay is making \$19.3 million this season after exercising his player option last summer to return to Sacramento. He was set to become a free agent in July.

The Kings acquired Gay in a trade with Toronto last season,

and he has teamed with center DeMarcus Cousins to form a dynamic scoring duo in California's capital city. Gay is averaging 22.5 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.5 assists this season to help Sacramento to a surprising 6-4 start.

The Kings, who went 28-54 the last two seasons, have missed the playoffs eight straight years. But they have pulled off some big wins already this season, including a 94-91 victory over the defending champion San Antonio Spurs on Saturday night.

Gay also is experiencing a rival of sorts.

The 28-year-old forward has been criticized by the analytics and advanced statistics crowd over the years with Memphis and Toronto, which both improved after his departure.

But he helped the U.S. win gold in the FIBA World Cup in Spain this summer and has been big on both ends of the floor for Sacramento, giving Cousins the scorer and

lengthy defender he has long needed on the perimeter.

The extension is a boon for the Kings, too.

For the past decade, the franchise struggled to sign and retain top-tier talent under the Maloof family as the team continued to pile up losses and spending diminished. Kings owner Vivek Ranadive promised to turn around the flailing franchise by any means - or cost - necessary, and so far he has delivered.

A new \$477 million arena is rising downtown and expected to open for the 2016-17 season. General manager Pete D'Alessandro continues to rework the roster, and coach Michael Malone is finally getting the necessary talent and stability to compete on the court.

Sacramento signed Cousins to a four-year, \$62 million extension before last season. And with Gay in the long-term plans now, the Kings believe they have two key cogs to build around.



# Joeten beats PSS, settles for third

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REPORTER



Joeten finished third in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after downing Public School System, 78-71, in last Friday's consolation game at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Joeten capitalized on PSS's sloppy plays in the last two minutes of the match to bag the third place honors in the nine-team field.

PSS, which led by as much as 9 points in the second quarter, scored only 2 points in the final two minutes of the game and committed five errors. The Bob Coldeen Sr.-coached team was still in contention, down by only three, 69-72, when PSS started turning the ball over, allowing Joeten to gain more cushion and pull off the win.

The first miscue happened when Mel Manibusan's cross court pass to Maverick Itibus was intercepted by Kevin De Leon, who then went coast to coast for a layup. He missed, but big man Alex Lauron was there for the putback, upping Joeten's advantage to five, 71-69, with 1:33 left in the game.

PSS's erratic plays continued in the closing minutes of the game, while Syl Teregeyo turned one of those errors into points and Juanito Sambile hit 2-for-4 from the foul line to ice it for Joeten. PSS scored its lone basket in the third off Manibusan's layup in the dying seconds of the match.

De Leon top-scored in Joeten's last game of the season, firing 22, while Teregeyo also finished strong adding 20. Lauron chipped in 12, while Sam-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Joeten's Alex Lauron fakes off the defense of PSS' Maverick Itibus, left, and Ray Santos during their consolation game in the JP World caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

bile contributed 9.

Teregeyo drilled 8 of his total points in the fourth, which began with PSS hanging on to a 61-60 lead. Joeten threatened PSS as the former worked its way back into the game in the third frame after facing a 38-45 halftime deficit. De Leon lifted Joeten in the third, scoring 9 points, while Lauron also stepped up, tallying 6 points in that canto after nailing only two field goals in the first half.

PSS ended the first half with the 7-point lead with Manibusan, Jerry Diaz, and Santos heating up in the second quarter. Diaz canned two triples in the second period and scored 8 points, while Manibusan registered 7, and Santos logged 5. Maverick Itibus scored

PSS' 4 other points in the second period.

PSS' balanced offense was nowhere to be found in the third with only Joe Villacrusis hitting more than one field goal for the team. PSS' poor shooting continued in the playoff period and coupled with its miscues, the squad failed on its bid to finish in the Top 3. PSS was held to three field goals and four free throws in the fourth canto.

**Joeten 78** – De Leon 22, Teregeyo 20, Lauron 12, Sambile 9, Tobias 5, Tudela 3, Sablan 2, Borja 1.

**PSS 71** – Diaz 17, Manibusan 12, Santos 12, Itibus 12, Villacrusis 8, Cabrera 6, Coldeen 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-19, 38-45, 60-61, 78-71.

1-2-3 in the boys U10 division, while SVES' Victoria Jade Torres (6:27) and SCS' Hana Ojima (6:44) and Sedrei Camacho (6:54) duplicated the feat in the girls side.

Robert Decourtney of Whispering Palms and SVES' Kylie Sablan were the best U8 boys and girls runners, sub-

mitting times of 6:23 and 7:37, respectively. SCS teammates Jesus Sablan (6:58) and Tyler Hunsberger (7:20) finished second and third behind Decourtney, while Jenny Zhang (7:44) of ACS and Hilah Bacani (7:59) of SCS came in second and third to Sablan.

Meanwhile, SCS won the team tro-

onships. Todd Schmitz, the U.S. 2012 Olympic swim coach and mentor of four-time Olympic champion Missy Franklin, is the lecturer of the youth program.

"I'm pretty excited with this great opportunity. I will try to share to my fellow CNMI swimmer whatever I will learn from the program," De Jesus said.

For his part, Boyer said he will make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime chance, focus well on each lecture and listen to people who will give them lessons. He added he is dedicating this trip to his mom, Lauri, who at times when he wants to quit swimming encourages him to stay in the sport.

The three other CNMI bets will gun for fast times and try to learn from the swimmers they are competing against.

did not disappoint as he ruled the Art of War's flyweight division in his debut in the annual tournament.

The Liberal Arts student at Northern Marianas College, fighting out of Gracie Barra, was the youngest competitor and said he tried jiu-jitsu just to learn self-defense but started to love the sport as the years go by.

"I started at 15 and primarily just for self-defense. It changed the way I look. I learned discipline and gained confidence," said Attao, who was among the five competitors in the open weight gi

division in the Art of War 9.

He was the first one to be eliminated in the win-or-go-home format, but not without giving veteran Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez a tough time as they went the full five-minute time before the former lost on points.

Cuki Alvarez said he is hoping that more youngsters will follow on Attao's footsteps, as their long-term goal is to have CNMI fighters compete in various international jiu-jitsu tournaments.

"Our goal is to get more interested practitioners and one day have Team

## Jericho earns spot on team's regular rotation

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Jericho Cruz has earned his stripes to become a regular member of Rain or Shine's rotation in the ongoing Philippine Cup of the Philippine Basketball Association's 40th season.

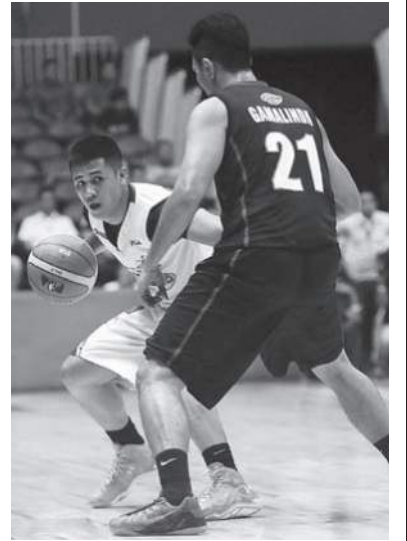
Cruz, with starter Chris Tiu still recovering from an injury, has been given enough playing time by Rain or Shine coach Yeng Guiao. He usually comes off the bench replacing the likes of usual starters Gabe Norwood, Ryan Arana, and main gunner Jeff Chan.

Cruz, in the seven games he played since being drafted 9th overall by Rain or Shine in August this year, logged in a total of 120 minutes to average 17.14 a game and produce 8.0 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists per outing.

The Elasto Painters' rookie said he is thankful for the trust given to him by Guiao and the entire Rain or Shine coaching staff that's why he gives his all every time he is inside the court either on offense or on the defensive side.

The 24-year-old played his best game so far in the Elasto Painters' 107-79 crushing of the Meralco Bolts in a PBA road game in Davao City, Southern Philippines last Saturday. Cruz scored a season-high 15 points behind his 5-of-9 shooting from the field and was one of the six Elasto Painters who finished in double digits. He also had 5 rebounds and 2 assists.

Cruz also had a breakout game in the Painters' 117-88 drubbing of ex-



KC CRUZ

Rain or Shine rookie Jericho Cruz, left, tries to get past the defense of Blackwater's Riego Gamalinda in their game in the PBA Philippine Cup last Oct. 29.

pansion team Kia Sorentos on Nov. 2, scoring 12 points on a 5-of-8 field goal shooting in 18 minutes of play. He logged in his most number of minutes, 22, in Rain or Shine's 86-83 win over Global Port last week.

Cruz scored his first points as a pro off a fastbreak play in the 3:14 mark of the third quarter of their game against San Miguel and he also drew a foul on forward Ronald Tubid. He completed the 3-point play to move Rain or Shine within four, 60-56, but the Painters lost the game, 79-87.

The former Marianas High School standout said every game is a learning experience to him and he is thankful that the coaching staff and the veteran players under the Asian Coating Philippines franchise are always there to support him.

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at third in both divisions.

Kaden Church of Whispering Palms (5:51), SCS' Kaito Rechucher (5:56) and John Lloyd Tuquero (5:57) of San Vicente Elementary School finished

1-2-3 in the boys U10 division, while SVES' Victoria Jade Torres (6:27) and SCS' Hana Ojima (6:44) and Sedrei Camacho (6:54) duplicated the feat in the girls side.

Robert Decourtney of Whispering Palms and SVES' Kylie Sablan were the best U8 boys and girls runners, sub-

mitting times of 6:23 and 7:37, respectively. SCS teammates Jesus Sablan (6:58) and Tyler Hunsberger (7:20) finished second and third behind Decourtney, while Jenny Zhang (7:44) of ACS and Hilah Bacani (7:59) of SCS came in second and third to Sablan.

Meanwhile, SCS won the team tro-

phies in the boys U8, U10 and U12, and girls U10 divisions, while ACS topped the boys and girls U14 and U18 age groups. No team trophies were given in the girls U8 and U14 categories after competing schools failed to come up with five or more runners.

Medals were given to the Top 3 fin-

ishers in each category, while all participants received ribbons.

A total of 117 runners from SVES, ACS, SCS, WPS, MCS, MHS, SSHS, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School and Dandan Middle School joined Saturday's race.

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Doha's Hamad Aquatic Centre. Saipan Swim Club's Jacoby Winkfield will coach the three swimmers in the short course meet, while SSC founder Bill Sakovich will join De Jesus and Boyer in the youth program, and Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation head John Hirsh will attend the FINA Congress and other events.

The youth program is a first for FINA and is for athletes in the 14 to 16 age group. According to the event's press release, participants will attend lectures and workshops in sport science and technical/training matters and the finals of the 12th FINA World Swimming Champi-

onships. Todd Schmitz, the U.S. 2012 Olympic swim coach and mentor of four-time Olympic champion Missy Franklin, is the lecturer of the youth program.

"I'm pretty excited with this great opportunity. I will try to share to my fellow CNMI swimmer whatever I will learn from the program," De Jesus said.

For his part, Boyer said he will make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime chance, focus well on each lecture and listen to people who will give them lessons. He added he is dedicating this trip to his mom, Lauri, who at times when he wants to quit swimming encourages him to stay in the sport.

The three other CNMI bets will gun for fast times and try to learn from the swimmers they are competing against.

All three have two events each in the five-day tournament with Chentsova entered in the 400m and 800m freestyle, Villacrusis in the 100m breaststroke and 100m freestyle, and Sugie in the 50m and 100m freestyle.

"This is a short course meet, so it's going to be a bit harder to get a fast time. However, I will give everything I got in my races," said Chentsova, who is no stranger to top tournaments like the FINA championships, as she had been to two previous world meets.

"In a big tournament like this, I get really nervous so I know Christian and Takumi will feel the same way. However, the important thing is you have to keep your confidence and focus. Focus on the task at hand and swim against yourself

not against others," Chentsova said.

Both Villacrusis and Sugie took Chentsova's advice, saying they will go to the pool with confidence and aim for best times and when not competing they will watch how other swimmers race so they could learn a thing or two from them.

Meanwhile, Winkfield reminded the five swimmers that they are ambassadors of the CNMI so they must represent the Commonwealth well in Qatar.

"This event is just more than swimming. This gives them the opportunity to show the world what CNMI athletes are made of. They must show that CNMI athletes are respectful, friendly, and hardworking. Most of the people going to Qatar may not have a clue where CNMI, so it's important for

them to leave a good impression in the tournament by behaving well on and off the pool," Winkfield said.

Hirsh added the CNMI through NMISF is thankful to FINA for the invitation both in the championships and the program.

"It's an honor and privilege to get invited to these great events. FINA is really focused on giving everybody a chance to compete and take advantage of the youth program. Even us, officials, will get a chance to learn a lot from the events in Doha because FINA will also hold the congress there, have the coaches clinic, and host a convention for distributors of swimming equipment. We're very thankful to FINA for these opportunities," Hirsh said.

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are some of jiu-jitsu's basic techniques.

"Jiu-jitsu is a family oriented sport and we are doing our part here in the CNMI to make the sport grow by hosting tournaments every year," said Alvarez after the successful staging of Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu-Jitsu Challenge last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Lorenzo Attao is one of the rising jiu-jitsu fighters and the 18-year-old

CNMI go and represent us in more prestigious events in Guam, Japan, Philippines, and USA."

The Trench Tech head added jiu-jitsu is the highly technical side of grappling and submission fighting and this was demonstrated by Attao, Shane Alvarez, Vince Masga, Adam Harris and gold medal winner Roman Alvarez in the open weight gi division.

Roman Alvarez won by submission after forcing Harris to tap following a suicide samurai choke. Harris seemed to be in control early in the bout, but Alvarez

managed to wiggle out of his hold to turn things to his favor en route to victory.

Alvarez said the suicide samurai choke is very deceptive since it may look like your opponent has control of your back.

"It's a trap. Your opponent thinks that he has control because he has your back, but when you turn your back on your opponent, you're actually setting up a deep lapel choke," said Alvarez, who also thanked various sponsors and fans for continuously supporting Trench Tech's events.

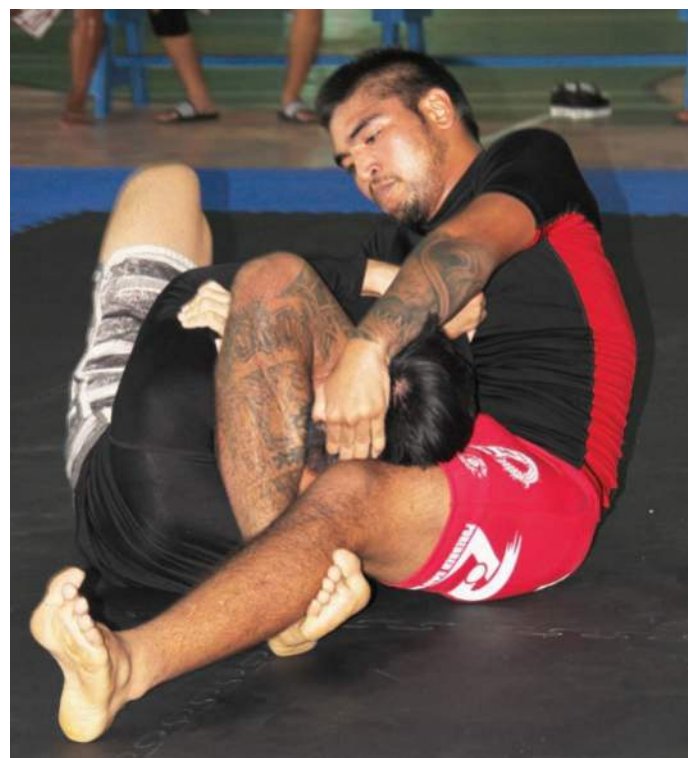


# Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu-Jitsu Challenge

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Jordan Manglona of Trench Tech leg locks Tinian's Paul Ayuyu's head in their gold medal match in the featherweight division during last Saturday's Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu-Jitsu Challenge at the TSL Sports Complex.



Shane Alvarez tries to maintain his advantage against Eldon Dela Cruz in their welterweight division elimination round match.



Adam Harris, bottom, tries to get out of Roman Alvarez's hold in their open weight gi bout.



Adam Harris, top, aims to keep Team Strike Force's Kier Agda pinned down on the floor.



Shane Alvarez pins down Lorenzo Attao of Gracie Barra in their open weight gi match.



Roman Alvarez, left, tries to prevent cousin Shane Alvarez's take down attempt in the welterweight division finals.



Team Zalaka's Bradlee Manalo, left, and Trench Tech's Jimmy Kaipat size each other up in their elimination round bout in the flyweight division.



Roman Alvarez choke holds Vince "The Clinch" Masga in their welterweight division elimination round bout.



Jasper Van Der Maas, bottom, tries to hold off Bradley Palacios' choke hold attempt.



Gracie Barra's Kimo Lizama, left, and Roman Alvarez wait on who will make the first move.





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## Eda, Race top X-Country finale

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Saipan Southern High School's Seiya Eda and Marianas High School's Gabrielle Race ruled their respective age groups in the finals of the CNMI All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Agape Christian School and Saipan Community School shared the top honors with Eda and Race, as they also came out victorious after clinching four team trophies each.

Eda, who is also member of Southern's varsity volleyball team, was the fastest among the 20 runners in the boys and girls U18 division. The Southern runner, who ruled the first two legs of the annual cross-country race, completed the three-lap course around AMP in 25:31, 11 seconds ahead of runner-up Alan Zhao of ACS (25:42). Marianas High School's Mason Fruit, the third leg winner, came in third with a time of 28:31.

Race, meanwhile, made six ACS runners eat her dust after the MHS girls basketball team member crossed the finish line

at 30:24, which was a good five minutes ahead of second placer Ruth Wang (35:24), while Miriam Zhou finished third (36:24).

Nathaniel Lim of Mt. Carmel School and Hopwood Junior High School's Lyka Sally topped the boys and girls U14 divisions with times of 13:22 and 15:41, respectively, while SCS' Vincent Tudela (13:40) and Annabelle Sablan (15:43) finished second in both categories. ACS' David Cai (14:00) and SCS' Mimi Sakano (15:56) came in at third.

Ken Song and Pacific Oceania Junior Championships top tennis player Carol Lee were the first runners in the U12 boys and girls categories, submitting times of 5:35 and 6:00, respectively. SCS' Matteo Guerrero (5:58) and ACS' Peter Shen (6:03) came in



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Roman Alvarez, bottom, and Vince Masga compete in the open weight gi jiu-jitsu event in last Saturday's Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu-Jitsu Challenge at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

### Cuki wants to further promote jiu-jitsu

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**TRENCH TECH**  
Trench Tech Gym founder Cuki Alvarez is hoping to attract more youngsters to try jiu-jitsu as he aims to hold

several similar events and further promote the sport in the CNMI.

Jiu-jitsu is considered to be the origin of mixed martial arts and derived some of its moves to the Olympic sport of judo. Grappling, throwing, trapping, joint locks and holds

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## 5 CNMI swimmers off to Qatar



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From left, Christian Villacrusis, David Boyer, Angel De Jesus, Takumi Sugie, and Victoria Chentsova pose for a group photo after competing in the SSC All Schools Swimming Championships early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Five CNMI swimmers are leaving for Doha, Qatar later this month to represent the Commonwealth in two events.

Victoria Chentsova, Christian Villacrusis, and Takumi Sugie will compete for the CNMI in the 12th FINA World Swimming Championships (25M), while Angel De Jesus and David Boyer will attend the tournament's youth program. Both events are set from Dec. 3 to 7 at

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